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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1948

Selectmen, Board of Welfare and Board of Health

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Finance Committee

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THOMAS B. BARRY, Clerk
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DR. CHARLES M. SOUZA
NORMAN S. BOWEN
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School Committee

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EDWARD C. FRENCH, Secretary
P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
JESSIE P. CHRISTENSON, P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
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Report of the Selectmen

To the Voters and Taxpayers of the Town of Dighton:

The year 1948 witnessed many incidents worthy of note. Total appropriations set a new high of $212,515.-97. Expenditures of $48,650.99 were made for charities, soldiers' benefits and public assistance comparing with the highest attained during the depression years. School and Library costs of $119,483.52 was actually an amount greater than the taxes levied in the Town.

Greater demands than were anticipated were placed on the Welfare, A. D. C. and Veterans' Benefits appropriation which necessitated supplementary funds transferred from the Reserve Account by the Finance Committee.

Although several departments exceeded their appropriations and the Reserve Account was completely used, the net appropriation balance shows a net of $3,600.76 which together with the revenue receipts of $11,033.50 in excess of the estimate, makes $14,634.26 transferred to Surplus Revenue in 1948.

The Welfare Department account shows a deficit of $336.14, and the General Relief account $51.27, to be raised in 1949 due to lack of available funds.

During the past year the fire station on Main Street has been remodeled and a new heating plant installed, making it adaptable to housing two fire trucks and the Town Ambulance, with adequate quarters for the firemen

and facilities for the usual precinct voting in the south part of the Town. We feel these facilities will be adequate for the Fire Department in the south part of the Town for several years.

We hope to get permission from the Annual Town Meeting in March to sell the large barn in the rear of the fire station, and applying the proceeds to necessary grading and black-topping of the yard adjacent to the fire station.

The Maxim Fire Truck which has been housed at the garage of Lester Briggs has been moved to its permanent home in the fire station and makes for more efficient and prompt handling of fire calls.

The contract for remodeling the fire station was given to the low bidder on April 7, 1948. The following bids were received:

L. M. Witherell & Sons of Taunton	$12,166.00
Walter H. Barker, Inc. of Taunton	10,388.00
Charles A. Eldridge of Taunton	8,297.00

Due to delivery delays on certain material prescribed in the specifications the completion of this job was delayed. Although this building is now occupied by the Fire Department, there are some minor details to be completed by the Contractor as a result of the final inspection by the Building Committee. The final bill will be paid on the completion of these details.

Again we wish to thank the following members of the Committee who gave so much of their time to complete this project: Norman S. Bowen, Wendell Carey, John Farrar, Antone Goulart, Donald Hathaway and John

W. Synan. We aslo want to extend our thanks to the Anchor Color & Gum Works, and their architect, Charles E. Bishop, who drew up the plans and specifications and supervised the job with no cost to the Town of Dighton.

In keeping with the general policy of all Department Heads for the year ,the Fire Chiefs have lived within their budget and finished the year with a cash balance of $652.05.

A new hydrant has been installed on the Somerset Water System at the corner of Main and County Streets which we believe adds to the general fire protection of this thickly settled area, and also affords a considerable saving in insurance costs to the adjacent property owners. For a more detailed report on the Fire Department refer to the reports of the Fire Chiefs.

During the year 1948, $25,128.04 was spent on our road program. The State contribution through Chapter 81 was $10,350.00 and the County and State contributed $500.00 each through Chapter 90. The Town of Dighton appropriated $6,000.00 at the Annual Town Meeting to meet its share of the cost of maintaining our roads. It was also necessary, with the approval of the Finance Committee, to transfer $1,215.00 from the Reserve Account to the Street Account, to complete some necessary graveling on our dirt roads and to improve the east side of the river bridge on Elm Street near Brook Street, crossing the Segreganset River. Because of weather conditions it was impossible to complete this program and a balance of $836.62 was left in the street appropriation at the end of the year.

All our hard surface roads had the usual surface treatment and are in very good condition. Our dirt roads

have had the usual scraping and filling and several boulders have been removed from Tremont, Oak and Horton Streets to facilitate further improvement and widening, and to afford a better opportunity to plow snow on these streets.

The condition of Cedar, Oak and Horton Streets has been called to our attention during the past year by the people living on these streets and those obliged to use them during their travel to and from their homes. The condition of these and all of our dirt roads are of great concern to your Board of Selectmen, and we propose to ask the Town Meeting for a substantial appropriation for a large scale gravel job to improve our dirt roads.

Middle Street has been improved for a distance of 2000 feet which completes this street from Center to the North. Pine Street has been improved and extended a distance of 900 feet. Smith Street has had considerable gravelling and widening and has an improved black-top surface for 800 feet north from Cedar. It is planned to complete this street to Wellington Street this year, thus affording the people living in this area the convenience of an improved road to the North, South, East or West.

Tremont Street from Lincoln Avenue west to the brook has been graded and widened and some boulders removed, and will be gravelled and have an improved black-top surface this year. It is the plan of your Board to extend these improved roads each year where they will serve the convenience of the greatest number of citizens, consistent with the amount of money available for this purpose.

The condition of Muddy Cove bridge at Pleasant Street has been called to our attention. Underneath the

bridge from low water level to the roof of the cement has been chipped off leaving the steel reinforcing rods exposed and badly rusted. We have asked the State Department of Public Works to make an inspection and prepare an estimate of cost of repairs. Immediate correction of this condition is imperative in order to avoid a major construction job. The necessary appropriation to complete this job will be asked for at the Annual Town Meeting of 1949.

All of our road work is done under the supervision of the State Department of Public Works. Mr. Grover Coffin and Mr. Seth Freeman who represent this department have been most cooperative and we appreciate their advice and help in our many problems.

In September of this year Governor Bradford requested the Town of Dighton to appoint a committee to head the campaign in this area for the United New England Scrap Drive. The following committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen: Chairman, Wilfred Hathaway, Charles Harris, Harry Bridgford, Walter Pilling and John Rolfe.

Mr. George V. Tinkham who has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Public Welfare and Board of Health since his election in 1941, resigned in September 1948. Mr. Tinkham has moved to Cape Charles, Virginia to carry on his extensive farm business in the south. The Board of Selectmen regret the loss of Mr. Tinkham. We miss his genial personality and sound advice and judgment on matters of Town affairs. We wish to extend to Mr. Tinkham our best wishes for good health, happiness and prosperity in his new home.

During the past year considerable work has been done by the School Planning Committee to implement the wishes of the people in presenting tentative plans and locations for a new building to replace the present Elementary School in South Dighton, as requested by the School Committee, with no material results up to the present time.

There is one point that most everyone agrees on and that is the necessity of replacing the South School. There are some people who favor a consolidated school centrally located, others who prefer the sectional plan of Education. Regardless of where the people decide to build a school, or what plan is used, the cost from the standpoint of the taxpayer's dollar, will be reflected in the tax rate for the next twenty years, which is the life of a bond issue.

As citizens and parents we should make every effort to provide the best educational facilities for our children, but we must also be careful that our people are not burdened with a tax rate beyond their ability to pay.

The cost of maintaining our schools is increasing each year ,as are the other public services such as police, fire, health, streets and the welfare categories. All of these are essential to the operation of a well organized Town. In order to look at the financial problem facing us with regard to any large bond issue, if we are to get the proper persepctive, we must analyze the problem as a whole before passing final judgment.

Therefore, we urge every citizen to study all the facts before forming an opinion on this important matter, and then be sure to implement that decision by coming to

the Town Meeting and voting according to the dictates of your conscience.

If we do this we will have done our part completely in helping to solve this important problem.

As departmental budgets for 1949 are being prepared, all indications point to increased appropriations. The high costs of all items relative to public service will reflect on the tax rate. Salaries, wages and materials are factors which enter into a budget and until such time as more definite legislation providing for revenue assistance to small towns is made, we will have to finance the requirements by taxation.

To all Town Officials, employees and citizens we are most grateful for their continued loyalty and cooperation.

JOHN BOLGER

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD

WILLIAM F. HATHAWAY

Selectmen of Dighton.

Report of the Board of Public Welfare

To the Citizens of Dighton:

The various categories of Relief showed a considerable increase in expenditures during the year.

The appropriation in the General Relief account was $5,000.00 which was overdrawn in the amount of $1,736.14. A transfer from the Reserve Account was made in the amount of $1,400.00 and $336.14 from the 1949 Revenue, to take care of expenses. The overdraft is mainly due to Dighton settled cases being aided out of town, the expense for which cannot be anticipated. Total expenditures during the year were $6,736.14 for aid rendered to sixteen (16) cases representing forty-three (43) persons.

Aid to Dependent Children began the year with one case representing three children ,and the year ended with seven (7) cases representing nineteen (19) children. The Town appropriated $1,000.00 since receipt of U. S. Grants are applied directly to the account and do not revert to the Town Treasury. In view of the increase in case load, it was necessary to transfer $4,500.00 from the Reserve Account to carry on. Total U. S. Grants received were $1,385.43. It was mandatory to increase grants to recipients of this category in the amount of 8.3% effective as of October 1, 1948, in accordance with the State Standards of Assistance. This increase amounted to $48.30 a month. Total expenditures for the year were $6,370.45.

Old Age Assistance aided 45 cases in January and although only 42 cases are receiving relief at the end of the year, 6 cases were added and 9 cases were closed during the year. Town appropriation was $17,500.00, and U. S. Grants amounted to $14,083.74, making the total available funds $31,583.74. Expenditures for the year were $30,638.22, so that there was a balance of $945.52. An increase of 8.3% was granted to all eligible cases, effective as of October 1, 1948, as required by the State Standards. The total increase in payroll as a result of this change was $225.40 per month.

The Taunton Greyhound Association again contributed a $500.00 Christmas Fund which is gratefully acknowledged, and was distributed among the needy.

Appreciation is expressed to the State Department of Public Welfare for courtesies and assistance rendered.

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD

JOHN BOLGER

WILLIAM F. HATHAWAY

Report of the Board of Health

The total expense of the Health Department for 1948 in providing health and sanitation service was $4,736.78. Thus the appropriation of $4,795.32 was adequate to meet the requirements. A classification of the Department's expenditures will be found in the Town Auditor's report and a study of them indicates that no abnormal or unusual cost prevail.

The Department continues to deliver water to those residents of the stricken areas and will do so until such time as the property owners remedy the polluted conditions of their wells. The State Department of Public Health have within the year conducted further tests of these wells and in most instances contamination and pollution prevail, thus the wells are condemned. The Board of Health therefore have no option other than to provide these people with a source of water for drinking and culinary purposes.

The Town Ambulance has again served the needs of the community under the supervision and manning by the South Dighton Volunteer Firemen's Association, whom we wish to commend for their unselfish donation of time and inconvenience. The ambulance incidentally has been fitted with a set of new tires and tubes and together with other repairs is in excellent condition to provide the community with this invaluable service. The ambulance is now garaged in the new fire station and will facilitate the department in better serving the public.

The other functions of the Board have proceeded in a normal manner and we trust to the satisfaction of the citizens of the Town.

We express our appreciation to Mrs. Esther Bowden for her continued co-operation and efficiency in matters of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD

JOHN BOLGER

WILLIAM F. HATHAWAY

Board of Health.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1948:

I have tested, adjusted and sealed the following:

46 Scales—21 adjusted
58 Weights—9 adjusted
20 Liquid Measures
26 Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices—3 adjusted.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY
Sealer of Weights
and Measures.

Report of Community Nurse

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report for 1948:

My work for 1948 was carried on as in previous years. Patients were taken to various hospitals, clinics and doctors' offices, the Town Ambulance being called on many occasions.

The Toxoid Clinic and Pre-school Clinic sponsored by the Board of Health and School Department were well attended. Diphtheria is a dread disease and I again urge parents to have their children immunized.

No new cases of Tuberculosis were reported and there were no deaths from this disease. The follow up work was carried on as usual.

I attended meetings and conferences that were given by the State Department and other Health Organizations.

I wish to express my appreciation to the many Organizations of the Town for their contributions and help during the past year. To the Town Officials I also want to express my thanks for their continued help and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER BOWDEN, R.N.

ACCOUNT OF AUDIT

Mr. Francis X. Lang

Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Dighton for the period from December 1, 1947, the date of the previous examination to November 23, 1948, and submit the following thereon:

The books and accounts in the office of the accounting officer were examined, checked, and compared with the records of the several departments in which money is collected or bills are committed for collection and with the records of the Town Treasurer.

The general and appropriation accounts in the ledgers were analyzed, the appropriations being compared with the Town Clerk's record of financial votes passed in Town meetings. A trial balance was taken off proving the accounts to be in balance, the necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit of the several departments were made, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the Town on November 23, 1948, was prepared and is appended to this report. This balance sheet indicates that the financial condition of the Town is excellent.

The books and records of the Town Treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records in the several departments collecting money for the Town and with other sourecs from which money was paid in to the Town treasury, while the payments were checked with the Selectmen's warrants authorizing the Treasurer to disburse Town funds and with the Accounting Officer's books.

The Treasurer's cash balance on November 23, 1948 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit.

The payments on account of debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the trust funds in the custody of the Town Treasurer were examined and listed. The income and transfers to the Town were proved and the balances were found to be as reported.

The records of tax titles held by the Town were examined. The Town and District Taxes added to the tax title account were compared with the Collector's records, the recorded redemptions were verified, and the tax titles on hand were listed and reconciled with the Accounting Officer's ledger.

The books and accounts of the Tax Collector were examined and checked. The Town and District taxes and Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise outstanding at the time

of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and reconciled with the Assessors' warrants. The reported collections were checked with the payments to the Town and District Treasurers, the recorded abatements were compared with the Assessors' record of abatements granted, the transfers to the tax title account were checked with the Treasurer's records of tax titles held by the Town, and the outstanding accounts were reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

The records of departmental accounts receivable outstanding at the time of the previous audit and all subsequent charges were audited and proved. The payments to the Treasurer were verified by comparison with the Treasurer's cash book, the abatements were compared with the departmental records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the Accounting Officer's ledger.

Verification of the outstanding tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise and departmental accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the Town and Districts, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, are correct as listed.

The records of the Selectmen, the Town Clerk, and the Health Department for licenses and permits issued were examined and checked. The payments to the State were compared with the receipts on file and the payments to the Town Treasurer were checked with the Treasurer's cash book.

The surety bonds of the financial officials bonded for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of all other departments collecting money for the Town or committing bills for collection were examined and reconciled with the Town Treasurer's and the Accounting Officer's records.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from all Town Officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE

Assistant Director

of Accounts

Report of Superintendent of Streets

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Superintendent of Streets.

General Account

Various streets, cleaning out catch basins, tree work and ledge:	
Labor and Truck	$1,289.60
Snow Plowing, Sanding and Sand	4,385.03
Labor on Snow Plow	12.80
Grading on Town Dump	62.50
Material, Repairs and Saws Filed	214.55
Labor on Hydrant	59.00
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	43.90
Lights	36.00
Tree Warden	35.00
Superintendent of Streets	240.00
	$6,378.38
Chapter 90 Maintenance:	
Centre Street, tarring	$1,500.00
Chapter 81:	
Autumn Street, tarring	$80.40
Bow Street, tarring	50.38
Brook Street, scraping, drainage, brush and tarring	460.94
Centre Street, tarring ledge, patching, shoulders and sign	810.90

Chase Avenue, tarring	169.25
Elm Street, scraping, gravelling, drainage, patching and tarring	1,384.61
Lincoln Avenue, gravelling washouts and repairing guardrail	301.80
Middle Street, scraping, gravelling, widening, ledge, curb, brush and tarring	4,216.39
Main Street, shoulders, drainage, ledge and tarring	1,050.84
Pine Street, scraping, gravelling, drainage and tarring	1,111.80
Pleasant Street, shoulders and tarring	939.60
Smith Street, scraping, gravelling, brush, ledge and tarring	833.74
Spring Street, shoulders and tarring	509.71
Summer Street, shoulders and tarring	766.32
Tremont Street, scraping, gravelling, brush, ledge and tarring	435.25
Various Streets, scraping, gravelling, patching, brush, ledge, shoulders and drainage	2,582.27
Williams Street, scraping, gravelling, brush, shoulder, tarring and signs	1,464.62
Winter Street, tarring	80.80

I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the Board for your continued interest and cooperation in Highway Work. It has been a pleasure to serve the Town as Superintendent of Streets.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. GOFF

Superintendent of Streets.

Annual Report of Dighton Assessors

We herewith submit to the citizens of Dighton our Annual Report for the year 1948:

Appropriations

Town Appropriations	$219,830.69
State Parks	195.16
State Audit	409.25
County Tax	7,468.54
Tuberculosis Hospital	4,210.28
Overlay	2,710.58
	$234,824.50

Estimated Receipts

Income Tax	$5,728.19
Corporation Tax	4,900.50
Motor Vehicle Tax	6,000.00
Licenses	2,011.00
Fines	245.00
Health and Sanitation	835.00
Highways	1,300.00
Old Age Assistance	11,450.00
Meals Tax	360.02
Schools	20,500.00
Library	45.00
Sealer of Weights	30.00
Aid to Dependent Children	500.00
Interest on Taxes	200.00
Personal Income Tax	14,699.18
Business Corporation Tax	20,965.50

Gas and Electric	1.02	
Chap. 498 Acts 1948	3,300.00	
Over Estimates	4,327.43	
From Available Funds	19,400.00	
		$117,297.84

Total Appropriations		$234,824.50
Total Estimated Receipts		117,297.84
Total to be Raised		117,526.66
Value of Personal Estate		$307,616.00
Tax	$10,458.94	
Value of Real Estate		$3,093,521.00
Tax	$105,179.71	
Number of Polls		944
Tax	$1,888.00	
Total Valuation		$3,401,137.00

Total Tax $117,526.65

Tax Rate $34.00 per M

Valuations

Land	$586,165.00	
Buildings	2,507,356.00	
		$3,093,521.00

Value of Personal Estate

Stock in Trade	$21,750.00	
Machinery	12,625.00	
Live Stock	84,441.00	
Other Personal	188,800.00	
		$307,616.00

Motor Vehicles		$422,000.00
Tax	$12,525.97	

Live Stock

Number of Horses	81
Number of Cows	330
Number of Bulls	2
Number of Yearlings	41
Number of Swine	28
Number of Fowl	18,399
Number of Goats	5
Number of Acres of Land	12,767
Number of Dwellings	710

Electric Light District

Value of Real Estate		$836,240.00
Tax	$2,508.65	
Value of Personal Estate		203,988.00
Tax	611.93	
	$3,120.58	$1,040.228.00
Number Assessed		228
Tax Rate		$3.00 per M

North Dighton Fire District

Value of Real Estate		$1,140,311.00
Tax	$2,280.66	
Value of Personal Estate		24,783.00
Tax	49.57	
	$2,330.23	$1,165,094.00
Number Assessed		69
Tax Rate		$2.00 per M

Exempted Property

Dighton Schools	$215,900.00	
Bristol County Agricultural School	282,610.00	
Libraries	19,000.00	
Fire Department	15,000.00	
Police Department	5,000.00	
Cemeteries	1,050.00	
Sealer of Weights	50.00	
Charitable Institutions	4,850.00	
Water Companies	31,000.00	
Churches and Parsonages	127,200.00	
Highway Department	2,000.00	
		$703,660.00

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER HAMPTON

ARTHUR F. SPRAGUE

RAYMOND A. HORTON

Board of Assessors.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

POLL TAXES

Warrants 1948 Polls	$1,890.00	
Collected Fees	48.65	$1,938.65

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$1,676.65	
Abatements	244.00	
Balance due December 31, 1948	18.00	$1,938.65

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Balance 1947 Excise—		
December 31, 1947	480.30	
Warrant January 22, 1948	34.69	
Collected Interest	5.01	$520.00

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$478.87	
Abatements	41.13	$520.00

Warrants 1948 Excise	$12,525.97	
Collected Interest	1.00	
Overpayment to Treasurer (Refund)	.76	$12,527.73

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$10,967.34	
Abatements	565.52	
Balance due December 31, 1948	994.87	$12,527.73

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Balance 1946, December 31, 1947	$3.81	
Collected Interest	.23	$4.04

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$4.04	$4.04
Balance, 1947, December 31, 1947	$790.88	
Collected Interest	13.49	$804.37

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$794.22	
Abatements	6.65	
Balance due December 31, 1948	3.50	$804.37

Warrants 1948 Personal	$10.492.94	
Collected Interest	2.29	$10,495.23

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$9,899.18	
Abatements	34.00	
Balance due December 31, 1948	562.05	$10,495.23

REAL ESTATE

Balance 1946, December 31, 1947	903.34	
Collected Interest	57.58	$960.92

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$898.09	

Abatements	2.29	
Tax Title Account	60.54	$960.92
Balance 1947, December 31, 1947	$6,282.37	
Collected Interest	101,33	$6,383.70

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$4,295.28	
Abatements	2.63	
Tax Title Account	72,98	
Balance due December 31, 1948	2,012.81	$6,383.70

Warrants 1948 Real Estate	$105,206.91	
Collected Interest	10.95	$105,217.86

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$99,183.65	
Abatements	875.43	
Tax Title Account	131.24	
Balance due December 31, 1948	5,027.54	$105,217.86

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY B. SIMMONS
Collector of Taxes.

Dighton Electric Light District Taxes

Balance 1946 Personal, December 31, 1947	$6.83	
Collected Interest	.55	$7.38

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$7.38	$7.38

Balance 1946 Real Estate, December 31, 1947	$84.57	
Collected Interest	6.26	$90.83

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$90.83	$90.83

Balance 1947 Personal, December 31, 1947	$23.96	
Collected Interest	.03	$23.99

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$1.47	
Balance due December 31, 1948	22.52	$23.99

Balance 1947 Real Estate, December 31, 1947	$214.62	
Collected Interest	2.78	$217.40

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$116.15	
Abatements	2.50	
Balance due December 31, 1948	98.75	$217.40

Warrant 1948 Personal Property	$611.93	
Collected Interest	.01	$611.94

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$585.47	
Balance due December 31, 1948	26.47	611.94

Warrant 1948 Real Estate	$2,508.65	
Collected Interest	.28	$2,508.93

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$2,270.94	
Abatements	8.04	
Tax Title Account	.90	
Balance due December 31, 1948	229.05	$2,508.93

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY B. SIMMONS

Collector of Taxes.

North Dighton Fire District Taxes

Balance 1947 Personal, December 31, 1947	$2.40	
Collected Interest	.05	$2.45

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$2.45	$2.45

Balance 1947 Real Estate, December 31, 1947	$34.73	
Collected Interest	.80	$35.53

Credit

Paid Treasurer	$35.53	$35.53
Warrant 1948 Personal	$49.57	$49.57

Credit		
Paid Treasurer	$45.77	
Abatements	2.00	
Balance due December 31, 1948	1.80	$49.57
Warrant 1948 Real Estate	$2,280.66	$2,280.66
Credit		
Paid Treasurer	$2,257.52	
Abatements	1.54	
Balance due December 31, 1948	21.60	$2,280.66

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY B. SIMMONS

Collector of Taxes.

Report of Tree Warden

To the Board of Selectmen:

Herewith is my report as Tree Warden for the year 1948:

I have made inspections in conjunction with Fall River Electric Light Company ,the Telephone Company and the Hixon Tree Company.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. GOFF

Tree Warden.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Dighton:

Herewith is a report of the financial transactions of the Town for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1948.

Classification of Treasurer's

Receipts for 1948

Cash balance January 1, 1948		$120,549.03
Received from Tax Collector:		
1946 Real Estate Taxes	$840.51	
1947 Real Estate Taxes	4,193.95	
1948 Real Estate Taxes	99,172.70	
1946 Personal Taxes	3.81	
1947 Personal Taxes	780.73	
1948 Personal Taxes	9,896.89	
1948 Poll Taxes	1,628.00	
		$116,516.59
1947 Motor Vehicle Taxes	473.86	
1948 Motor Vehicle Taxes	10,966.34	
		11,440.20

Interest on Taxes:		
Real Estate	169.86	
Personal	16.01	
Motor Vehicle	6.01	
		191.88
Fees on Taxes		48.65
Total Collector's Receipts		$128,197.32

Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Corporation Taxes	29,216.51	
Income Taxes	21,195.74	
Meals Tax	792.77	
Vocational Educational	4,376.28	
Public Health Subsidies	457.14	
Veterans' Service	263.35	
School Supt. (2 years)	2,372.81	
Public Service	1.00	
		58,675.60

Departmental Receipts and Refunds:		
Nurse's Receipts	18.50	
Library Receipts	44.31	
Sealer's Receipts	30.14	
School Dept. Miscellaneous	122.59	
School Dental Fund	377.50	
General Government	19.48	
Welfare Department	8.15	
Insurance Refund	197.54	
		818.21

Cemetery P. C. Funds Income:		
Withdrawals for Care		240.48
Chase Fund Income		20.10
County of Bristol Dog Fund		564.83
Departmental Revenue:		
Aid to Dependent Children:		
From State		842.23
Old Age Assistance:		
From State	12,050.87	
From Cities	88.25	
From Other Towns	437.57	
		12,576.69
Public Welfare Department:		
From State	143.73	
From Cities	290.78	
From Towns	120.00	
		554.51
Dighton-Berkley Bridge		3.60
Fire Department		37.50
General Government		8.40
School Department:		
Tuition from Various Towns	17,128.90	
Other Tuition	749.02	
		17,877.92
Aid to Highway Revenue:		
Chapter 81:		
From State	18,328.87	

Chapter 90:		
From State	1,000.00	
From County	1,000.00	
Chapter 90		
Construction:		
From State	3,226.54	
From County	941.29	
Machinery Fund	1,360.00	
		25,856.70

Grants and Gifts:		
Police Dept.	15,324.00	
Fire Dept.	672.00	
Taunton Greyhound Ass'n. Christmas Donation	500.00	
		16,496.00

Licenses:		
Alcohol	6.00	
Automobile Dealers	25.00	
Milk	7.50	
Junk	30.00	
Liquor	1,649.66	
Lord's Day	66.00	
Cabin	1.00	
Sausage	5.00	
Common Victualler's	60.00	
Tank	1.00	
State Licenses	8.00	
Gasoline	3.50	
Dance Permit	3.00	
Advertising Costs	17.07	
		1,882.73

Town Clerk:			
Dog Licenses			821.00
Court Fines			23.10
Federal Withholding Tax			11,464.33
Bristol County Retirement Fund			733.76
U. S. Grants:			
Aid to Dependent Children	1,385.43		
Aid to Dependent Children Administration	121.34		
Old Age Assistance	12,362.04		
Old Age Assistance Administration	756.15		
Smith Hughes Fund	291.35		
George Barden Fund	50.00		
		14,966.31	
			292,661.32
Total Receipts			$413,210.35

Expenditures for 1948

Departmental:		
General Government—		
Selectmen's Department:		
Salaries	$1,381.01	
Printing and Postage	27.09	
Travel and Expenses	36.60	
Association Dues	36.00	
		$1,480.70

Auditing Department:		
Salary	500.04	
Office Supplies	23.66	
		523.70
Treasury Department:		
Salary	850.08	
Surety Bond	89.00	
Printing, Stationary, Postage	16.83	
Mileage and Misc. Expense	37.00	
		992.91
Collector's Department:		
Salary	1,050.00	
Office Rental	75.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	372.61	
Surety Bond	137.00	
Deputy Collector's Fees	28.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	11.90	
		1,674.51
Assessor's Department:		
Salaries, Assessors	1,799.88	
Salary, Clerk	415.22	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	85.05	
Transportation	11.75	
Association Dues	6.00	
		2,317.90

Town Clerk's Department:		
Salary	453.88	
Surety Bond	15.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	57.00	
Association Dues	3.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	3.50	
		532.38
Election Department:		
Registrars	530.00	
Election Officers	736.00	
Printing	240.00	
Erection of Voting Booths and Miscellaneous Exp.	92.23	
		1,598.23
Town Office Department:		
Insurance on Public Property	2,756.05	
Telephone	41.97	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	194.64	
		2,992.66
Other General Government:		
Printing Town Reports	621.60	
Advertising Costs	29.23	
Salary, Moderator (2 years)	40.00	
Hydrant, Fitting and Repairs	321.84	

Miscellaneous Expense	93.32		
Legal Fees	70.00		
		1,175.99	
Total General Government			$13,288.98

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department:		
Salary of Chief	$499.92	
Wages of Officers	358.50	
Mileage	275.00	
Telephone	88.80	
Postage	9.35	
Miscellaneous Expenses	62.35	
Uniform and Traffic Belts	98.30	
		$1,392.22
Police Department Special:		
Wages		15,324.00
Fire Department:		
Wages	735.11	
Janitor	100.00	
Supplies	333.57	
Repairs	455.93	
Hose	522.00	
Gasoline	94.91	
Truck Storage	125.33	
Fuel	51.63	
Light	12.43	
Rent	120.00	
Telephone	125.79	

Association Dues	5.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	18.05	
		$2,699.75
Fire Department Special:		
Wages		672.00
Remodel and Repair Fire House and Install Equipment: Paid on Contract		6,300.00
Gypsy Moth Department:		
Wages	198.90	
Mileage	5.00	
Spraying Cost	570.00	
		773.90
Total Protection of Persons and Property		$27,161.87

Health and Sanitation:

Mosquito Control:		
State Reclamation Board		$125.00
Board of Health Department:		
Administration Salaries	$374.85	
Nurse's Salary	1,206.24	
Board and Treatment	118.20	
Medicine and Medical Attendance	11.52	
Telephone	41.27	
Clothing	16.17	

Tuberculosis:			
Board and Treatment	989.00		
Water Delivery	545.12		
Playground Rental	35.00		
Milk Inspector	249.96		
Animal Inspector	175.00		
Ambulance Repairs and Supplies	449.02		
School Water	70.00		
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00		
Vital Statistics:			
Births	179.00		
Deaths	51.50		
Marriages	72.00		
Affidavits	2.00		
Undertaker's Fees	10.75		
Doctor's Fees	24.50		
Miscellaneous Expense	15.68		
		$4,736.78	
Total Health and Sanitation			$4,861.78

Streets and Bridges:

Highways and Bridges:		
Salary, Superintendent	$240.00	
Salary, Tree Warden	35.00	
Wages	1,915.80	
Truck and Tractor Hire	89.00	

Stone, Gravel, etc.	283.17	
Equipment and Repairs	189.72	
Snow and Ice Removal	3,589.69	
Traffic Lamps	36.00	
		$6,378.38

Dighton-Berkley Bridge:

Wages	840.00	
Electric Power	12.00	
		852.00

Streets—Chapter 81:

Wages	6,321.08	
Materials	6,470.93	
Trucks, Roller, Tractor, etc. Hire	4,457.65	
		17,249.66

Streets—Chapter 90:

Wages	134.92	
Materials	1,201.08	
Truck and Machinery Hire	164.00	
		1,500.00

Streets—Chapter 90

Construction:

Paid to Contractor	3,307.10	
Materials	61.89	
		3,368.99

New Truck and Equipment:			
Cost of Truck		2,862.46	
Road Machinery Fund:			
Truck Expenses:			
Gasoline and Oil	154.03		
Repairs	8.91		
Plow for Truck	469.43		
Sand Spreader	150.00		
		782.37	
Total Streets and Bridges			$32,993.86

Charities and Soldiers' Benefits:

Old Age Assistance:			
Direct Aid	$30,262.60		
Outside Relief	375.62		
		$30,638.22	
Old Age Administration:			
Wages		250.00	
Aid to Dependent Children:			
Direct Aid		6,370.45	
Aid to Dependent Children Administration:			
Wages		10.00	
Veterans' Benefits:			
Aid	1,202.20		
Fuel	5.11		
Medical	115.09		
Groceries	115.37		
		1,437.77	

General Relief Administration:

Administration Salaries	374.97	
Social Worker	881.15	
Clerk	1,238.53	
Telephone	102.38	
Office Supplies	51.38	
Postage	60.00	
		2,708.41

Taunton Greyhound Ass'n., Inc.:

Christmas Donation		500.00

Public Welfare Department:

Groceries and Provisions	208.24	
Fuel	15.00	
Board and Care	945.63	
Medicine and Medical Attention	115.79	
Child Guardianship	440.02	
Cash Payments	2,185.00	
Funeral Cost	135.00	
Clothing	93.30	

Outside Relief:

Various Cities	2,588.16	
Various Towns	10.00	
		6,736.14
Total Charities and Soldiers' Benefits		$48,650.99

Schools and Libraries:

School Department:			
(for classification, see School Report)		$116,129.17	
School Water Supply:			
Electric Power	$202.35		
Services	1,199.58		
Supplies	85.50		
		1,487.43	
U. S. Grants:			
Smith Hughes Fund:			
Salaries		319.58	
George Barden Fund:			
Salaries		100.00	
Public Library:			
Salary— Librarian	495.76		
Salary— Asst. Librarian	9.00		
Janitor Services	180.00		
Books and Periodicals	451.55		
Book Repairs	6.00		
Fuel	210.74		
Light	32.40		
Building Repairs	8.49		
Janitor's Supplies	6.98		
Water	6.00		
Stationery and Postage	15.42		
Fi'ing Cabinet	25.00		
		1,447.34	
Total Schools and Libraries			$119,483.52

Miscellaneous and Unclassified:

Memorial Day Observance:			
Flags	$41.07		
Flowers	45.00		
		$86.07	
Legal Fees—			
Elementary School		50.00	
Total Miscellaneous and Unclassified			$136.07

Interest and Maturing Debt:

Interest:			
High School Bonds	$500.00		
High School Notes	109.38		
		$609.38	
Bond and Note Payments:			
High School Bonds	4,000.00		
High School Notes	2,500.00		
		6,500.00	
Total Interest and Maturing Debt			$7,109.38

Agency, Trust and Refunds:

State:			
State Parks	$228.71		
Auditing Accounts	409.25		
		$637.96	

County:			
County Tax	8,427.95		
T. B. Hospital Assessment	4,210.28		
Dog Licenses	821.00		
Retirement Fund Assessment	316.51		
		13,775.74	
Federal Taxes:			
Withheld from Wages		11,953.28	
Bristol County Retirement Fund:			
Withheld from Wages		738.85	
Trust Funds:			
Cemetery P. C. Funds	240.55		
Hon. Charles S. Chase Fund	20.10		
		260.65	
Refunds:			
Poll Tax	2.00		
Real Estate Tax	10.20		
Personal Tax	16.63		
Motor Vehicle Exicse Tax	127.13		
Comm. Vic. License	5.00		
		160.96	
Total Agency, Trust and Refunds			$27,527.44
Total Expenditures			$281,213.89
Cash Balance as of December 31, 1948			131,996.46
			$413,210.35

Departmental Statement

General Government:		
Appropriation	$13,828.55	
Expenditures	13,356.98	
Balance		$471.57
Police Department:		
Appropriation	1,475.00	
Expenditures	1,392.22	
Balance		82.78
Fire Department:		
Appropriation	3,351.80	
Expenditures	2,699.75	
Balance		652.05
Gypsy Moth Department:		
Appropriation	1,000.00	
Expenditures	773.90	
Balance		226.10
Board of Health:		
Appropriation	4,795.32	
Expenditures	4,736.78	
Balance		58.54
Mosquito Control:		
Appropriation	125.00	
Expenditures	125.00	
Balance		None
Street Department:		
Appropriation	6,000.00	
Reserve Account	1,215.00	
Total	7,215.00	
Expenditures	6,378.38	
Balance		836.62

Streets—Chapter 81:		
Appropriation	6,900.00	
State's Share	10,350.00	
Total	17,250.00	
Expenditures	17,249.66	
Balance		.34
Streets—Chapter 90:		
Appropriation	500.00	
Received from State	500.00	
Received from County	500.00	
Total	1,500.00	
Expenditures	1,500.00	
Balance		None
Dighton-Berkley Bridge:		
Appropriation	900.00	
Expenditures	852.00	
Balance		48.00
Welfare Department:		
Appropriation	5,000.00	
Reserve Account	1,400.00	
1949 Revenue	336.14	
Total	6,736.14	
Expenditures	6,736.14	
Balance		None
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Appropriation	1,000.00	
Reserve Account	4,500.00	
Total	5,500.00	

Expenditures	4,809.29	
Balance		690.71
Old Age Assistance:		
Appropriation	17,500.00	
U. S. Grant	14,083.74	
Total	31,583.74	
Expenditures	31,359.92	
Balance—U. S. Grant		(223.82)
Balance—Town		None
Veterans' Benefits:		
Appropriation	1,200.00	
Reserve Account	500.00	
Total	1,700.00	
Expenditures	1,437.77	
Balance		262.23
General Relief Administration:		
Appropriation	2,657.14	
1949 Revenue	51.27	
Total	2,708.41	
Expenditures	2,708.41	
Balance		None
School Department:		
Appropriation	118,222.00	
Dog Fund	564.83	
Reserve Account (this amount returned to Reserve Account, not needed)	1,385.00	
Total	120,171.83	

Expenditures	120,129.17	
Balance		42.66
School Water Supply:		
Appropriation	1,500.00	
Expenditures	1,487.43	
Balance		12.57
Public Library:		
Appropriation	1,450.00	
Expenditures	1,447.34	
Balance		2.66
Fees and Costs— Tax Title Redemptions:		
Appropriation	200.00	
Expenditures	None	
Balance		200.00
Memorial Day:		
Appropriation	100.00	
Expenditures	86.07	
Balance		13.93
Interest—High School Bonds and Notes:		
Appropriation	609.37	
1949 Revenue	.01	
Total	609.38	
Expenditures	609.38	
Balance		None
High School Bond Retirement:		
Appropriation	4,000.00	
Expenditures	4,000.00	
Balance		None

High School Notes—Payment:			
Appropriation	2,500.00		
Expenditures	2,500.00		
Balance			None
Reserve Account:			
Appropriation	5,000.00		
Returned to Account by School Dept.	1,385.00		
To Account by School Dept.	2,615.00		
Total		9,000.00	
To School Department	1,385.00		
To Veterans' Benefits	500.00		
To Welfare Department	1,400.00		
To Street Department	1,215.00		
To Aid to Dependent Children	4,500.00		
		9,000.00	
Balance		None	
Total Appropriation Balances			$3,600.76
Revenue Receipts over the Assessor's Estimate			11,033.50
To Surplus Revenue Account for year 1948			$14,634.26

We certify, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the reports contained herein are correct. All payments to the Treasurer have been properly warranted, and all receipts have been recorded. The Tax Collector's report as published is correct. Abatements have been examined and were found to be in accordance with those granted by the Board of Assessors. The Tax Titles taken by the Collector are in order. Cash and Securities of the Trust Funds have been verified, all income accounted for, and all payments warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. HATHAWAY

Former Auditor

RUTH D. LEEMING

Auditor

TOWN OF DIGHTON BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1948

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash		$131,996.46
Accounts Receivable:		
1947 Real Estate Taxes	$2,016.31	
1947 Personal Taxes	3.50	
1948 Poll Taxes	20.00	
1948 Real Estate Taxes	5,030.94	
1948 Personal Taxes	562.05	
		7,632.80
1947 Motor Excise Tax	2.00	
1948 Motor Excise Tax	996.68	
		998.68
Tax Possessions		1,156.16
Tax Titles		703.08
Departmental:		
Old Age Assistance	125.78	
Aid to Dependent Children	878.22	
School Department	8,136.26	
		9,140.26
State Aid to Highways:		
Chapter 81		2,371.13
Cemetery P. C. Fund		12.37

LIABILITIES and RESERVES

LIABILITIES:		
U. S. Grants:		
Aid to Dependent Children, Adm.		$242.58
Old Age Adm.		1.01
Old Age Assistance		223.82
Smith Hughes Funds		291.35
George Deen Funds		2.04
George Barden Funds	50.00	
		810.80
State Aid to Highway Revenue:		
Chapter 81		2,371.13
Chapter 90 Construction		1,674.16
High School Construction (Chapter 44, sec. 20)		1,754.75
Town Cemetery Account		17.00
Truck and Equipment, Highway Dept.		137.54
Witherell Bequest Fund		2,440.86
Sale of Real Estate Fund		3,733.05
Road Machinery Fund		1,577.63
Remodel and Repair Fire House and Install Equipment		3,200.00

1949 Revenue:	
Overdrafts, 1948	387.42
State Taxes and Assessments	33.55
County Taxes	959.41
	$155,391.32

Expenses of New Elementary School Planning Committee		300.00
Withholding Tax—December, 1948		764.15
County Retirement Fund—December, 1948		72.78
RESERVES:		
Overlay, Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1947	1,775.85	
Levy of 1948	1,540.14	
		3,315.99
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		16,808.08
Revenue Reserved until collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Revenue		994.28
Tax Title Revenue		703.08
Tax Possession Revenue		1,156.16
Departmental		9,140.26
EXCESS and DEFICIENCY:		
Surplus Revenue		104,419.62
		$155,391.32

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded Debt	$23,500.00	High School Construction Bonds	$16,000.00
		High School Addition Notes	7,500.00
	$23,500.00		$23,500.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	$13,974.54	Cemetery P. C. Funds	$7,928.20
		Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund	5,036.24
		Hon. Charles S. Chase Fund	1,010.10
	$13,974.54		$13,974.54

Treasurer's Report

Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1948	$120,549.03
Total Receipts during the year	292,661.32
	$413,210.35
Selectmen's Warrants paid during the year	$281,213.89
Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1948	131,996.46
	$413,210.35

For Classification of Receipts and Expenditures, see Auditor's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT F. LANE
Treasurer.

Report of Gypsy Moth Superintendent

To the Board of Selectmen:

Trees have been painted on the streets of Dighton where moth nests were found as ordered by the Board of Selectmen under State supervision at the cost of $203.90.

The spraying was done by the Hixon Tree Company at the cost of $570.00.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. ROSE
Gypsy Moth Superintendent.

Report of Cemetery Fund

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit Jan. 1, 1948	Interest Rec'd	Paid for Care
Sarah Babbitt	$100.00	$192.06	$3.85	$
Briggs Lot	125.00	253.91	3.81	3.80
Mary J. Briggs	100.00	119.75	1.79	3.00
George E. Francis	100.00	149.95	2.25	2.25
Joseph Gooding	142.75	172.21	2.59	
Truman N. Goff	100.00	130.12	2.61	2.60
George H. Horton	100.00	185.83	3.72	6.00
Nelson Horton	100.00	156.40	3.13	3.00
Sylvanus Jones	100.00	192.45	3.86	3.60
Josiah R. Talbot	100.00	154.67	2.32	6.00
Dr. A. J. Smith	150.00	187.38	1.88	3.00
Martha L. Smith	50.00	50.59	.50	1.00
Nathan Walker	100.00	131.40	1.97	3.60
William Walker	250.00	313.22	4.67	
Williams Lot	100.00	185.54	2.79	7.80
Thomas B. Witherell	100.00	119.60	2.39	2.50
Benjamin F. Goff	100.00	130.02	2.61	2.60
Davis W. Francis	100.00	123.97	1.85	1.80
N. Allen Walker	150.98	309.12	4.65	
Oliver P. Simmons	721.00	726.51	10.93	16.40
Francis J. Wheeler	100.00	116.74	1.75	1.75
William D. Goff	100.00	110.51	1.66	3.00
Robert S. Waterman	100.00	113.48	1.71	1.75
Joseph G. Thaxter	100.00	115.91	2.28	
Submit Babbitt	50.00	51.59	.76	1.00

Ebenezer Gay	50.00	51.28	.76	1.00
Emerson W. Goff	100.00	117.08	1.76	1.75
Westcott & McNally	200.00	209.41	2.10	2.10
Shubel Wheeler	100.00	100.02	1.00	1.00
Wendell Weed	100.00	102.57	1.54	3.60
Emeline Williams	100.00	112.42	1.69	6.00
Zenas H. Goff	150.00	174.70	2.63	2.60
Job Paull	100.00	115.13	1.72	
Albert F. Goff	50.00	50.06	.50	.50
Edgar A. Essex	200.00	230.63	4.62	6.00
John H. Horton	100.00	103.60	1.55	1.55
Alfred A. Horton	100.00	102.18	2.05	2.00
John H. Harlow	100.00	100.75	2.01	2.00
Ephira Goff	100.00	102.56	2.05	2.00
Helen C. Briggs	75.00	83.83	1.67	
Westcoat Lot	200.00	201.59	4.04	4.00
Joshua Bliss	5,000.00	5,035.04	101.20	100.00
Arthur A. Hathaway	200.00	211.64	4.24	2.50
E. & J. Lincoln	200.00	216.79	4.34	6.00
Gilbert Strange	200.00	202.50	4.06	6.00
Charles E. Carr	500.00	509.24	10.23	8.00
Nancy C. Jones	150.00	156.19	3.13	2.50
Jesse P. Goff	100.00	100.92	2.01	2.93
Emery White	100.00	100.17	2.05	

JURY LIST — 1948 - 1949

Name	Occupation	Address	Post Office
Adams, Russell Elliott	Mill wright	266 Summer St.	No. Dighton
Barry, Thomas Parker	Student	271 Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton
Bell, Joseph	Folder	23 Stoddard Ave.	No. Dighton
Bissonnette, Emile Jos.	Textile worker	32 Bedford St.	No. Dighton
Boucher, Theodore E.	Textile worker	Pleasant St.	Dighton
Brooks, John	Inspector-Folder	63 Prospect St.	No. Dighton
Carpenter, Louis	Chemical operator	255 Elm St.	Dighton
Carr, Howell Simmons	Janitor	31 Elm St.	Dighton
Cash, John Joseph	Chemical operator	Main St.	Dighton
Chadwick, Robert C.	Textile worker	116 School St.	No. Dighton
Costa, Frank E.	Cloth inspector	Elm St.	Dighton
Deslauries, Leo Joseph	Poultry man	10 Brook St.	Dighton
Gracia, Manuel S. Jr.	Carpenter	Main St.	Dighton
Hathaway, Lyndon E.	Textile worker	Centre St.	No. Dighton
Higgins, Thomas D.	Textile worker	Spring St.	No. Dighton
Kherlopian, Vahram H.	Photographer	Elm & Brook Sts.	Dighton
Marble, S. Palmer	Farmer	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Mason, Charles Henry	Stationary fireman	29 Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton
May, Alton Ellis	Machinist	Centre St.	No. Dighton
Mendoza, Wm. John	Farmer	Elm St.	Dighton
Nelson, Thomas	Mill wright	Pleasant St.	Dighton
Parchesco, Manuel	Stationary fireman	Somerset Ave.	Dighton
Philbrook, Wayne M.	Teacher	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Reed, George A.	Unemployed	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Reid, Wilson Louis	Chauffeur	36 Park St.	No. Dighton
Rose, Earl Wellington	Laborer	21 Pleasant St.	Dighton
Sears, Chas. A. E., Jr.	Welder	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Strange, Ellis Emerson	Metal worker	Main St.	Dighton
	Spray painter		
Torres, Edward H.	Clerk-typist	66 Middle St.	No. Dighton
White, Eugene M.	Machinist	134 Williams St.	No. Dighton
Wood, Louis E.	Stock clerk	Centre St.	Segreganset

Jurors Drawn During 1948

January 9—

John Simas, Summer St., Mechanic
Albert Chamberlain, Main St., Mill Worker
Leslie I. Atwood, Somerset Ave., Stock Clerk

January 14—

George W. Rose, Pleasant St., Farmer

January 21—

E. Roland Oldmixon, Elm St., Textile Worker
Manuel Pine, Somerset Ave., Painter

February 4—

Horace Ingalls, Center St., Boat Carpenter
Isaac S. Wilson, Pleasant St., Plumbing and Sheet Metal Worker
Caesar Araujo, Williams St., Farmer

March 3—

Henry D. Greenlaw, Somerset Ave., Millwirght

March 18—

Clifford W. Babbitt, Williams St., Carpenter
George Miguel, Hart St., Farmer

April 7—

William F. Harrison, Center St., Fire Truck Driver

May 12—

Edward F. Booth, Forest St., Textile Worker

August 18—

Edward H. Torres, Middle St., Clerk-Typist

September 1—

Vahram H. Kherlopian, Elm and Brook Sts., Photographer

October 6—

Frank E. Costa, Elm St., Cloth Inspector

November 9—

Louis Carpenter, Elm St., Chemical Operator

December 8—

Thomas Nelson, Pleasant St., Millwright
Russell E. Adams, Summer St., Millwright

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The regular annual Town Meeting for Election of Officers was held in the Town Hall on March 1, 1948. Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Wayne M. Philbrook, who read the Warrant at 10 o'clock A.M. Catherine J. Sherman was elected Moderator pro-tem in the absence of the Moderator. The polls were opened for voting at 10:04 A.M. and balloting was under the supervision of the following Election Officers: Catherine J. Sherman, Elaine Varley, Helen Atwood, George E. Cole, Florence Perry, Mary Hathaway, Rhea Buckley, Hazel Horton and Irene S. Goulart. The polls were closed at 8 o'clock P.M. Ballots having been assorted and counted, the results were declared as follows:

Moderator for one year—Wayne M. Philbrook.

Selectman for three years—John Bolger.

Board of Public Welfare for three years—John Bolger.

Auditor for one year—William F. Hathaway.

Town Treasurer for one year—Dwight F. Lane.

Assessor for three years—Walter Hampton.

School Committee for three years — Edward C. French and Lawrence J. Mendoza.

Trustee of Public Library for three years—Edward D. Greenlaw.

Tree Warden for one year—Henry P. Goff.

Oyster Warden for one year—John Bolger, Dwight F. Lane and Howell Carr.

Fish Warden for one year—John Bolger, Dwight F. Lane and Howell Carr.

It was voted to adjourn at 9:00 o'clock P.M. to meet Monday, March 8, 1948, in the Town Hall for the Annual business meeting.

The regular Annual Town Meeting was held in the Town Hall on March 8, 1948. Moderator Wayne M. Philbrook called the meeting to order at 7:30 o'clock P.M. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

Voted: To accept the various reports of Town Officials as published in the Town Officer's Report.

Voted: That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officials and Committees.

Voted: That the Town Treasurer be bonded for $17,800.00 and the Tax Colector be bonded for $17,-600.00.

Voted: That the Town grant to the Tax Collector the same authority in making collections as possessed by a Town Treasurer.

Voted: That the salaries of elected Town Officials be established for 1948 as follows:

Moderator	$20.00
Town Treasurer	850.00
Town Clerk	450.00

Tax Collector	1,050.00
Town Auditor	500.00
Assessors:	
Chairman	1,000.00
Others	400.00 each
Selectmen:	
Chairman	440.00
Others	200.00 each
Welfare Board:	
Chairman	200.00
Others	100.00 each
Board of Health:	
Chairman	200.00
Others	100.00 each
Tree Warden	35.00
School Board:	
Financial Secretary	20.00
Secretary	10.00

Voted: That the following which were approved and recommended by the Finance Committee, be raised and appropriated:

High School Construction Bonds	$4,000.00
High School Addition Notes	2,500.00
Interest on Bonds and Notes	609.37
Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital	4,210.28
Mosquito Control	125.00
School Department	118,222.00
School Water Supplies	1,500.00
Public Library	1,450.00

Welfare Department	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	17,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,200.00
Board of Health	4,795.32
General Relief Administration	2,657.14
Fire Department	3,351.80
Police Department	1,475.00
Street Department—General Fund	6,000.00
Chapter 81—Highway Fund	6,900.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance Account	500.00
Dighton—Berkley Bridge	900.00
Gypsy Moth Department	1,000.00
Memorial Day Observance	100.00
General Government	13,828.55
Tax Title Redemption Account	200.00
Reserve Account	5,000.00
Contributory County Retirement Assessment	316.51

Voted: That the proceeds of the Dog Tax Refund be appropriated to the use of the School Department.

Voted: That the sum of $11,350.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury in anticipation of reimbursement from the State and County for Chapter 81 and 90 Highway Maintenance, and upon reimbursement, such funds be restored to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Voted: That the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen ,to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than

one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Voted: That the maximum hourly wage for laborers employed by the Street Department be 85c per hour.

Voted: That the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell at public auction or private sale, all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

Voted: That the Town establish a Road Machinery Account, to which shall be credited all receipts received for the use or rental of Road Machinery, the proceeds to be appropriated by vote of the Town for Road Machinery purposes.

Voted: That the Town appropriate and transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of $1,000.00 to establish a Road Machinery Fund for the purpose of repairing and operating Road Machinery.

Voted: That the Town appropriate and transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of $3,000.00 to purchase a suitable truck and equipment for the Highway Department, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to purchase same.

Voted: That the report of the World War II Monument Committee be accepted as read and the Committee be authorized to obtain a plan or plans for the erection of a monument together with an estimate and to report their action at a subsequent town meeting.

Voted: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent

domain, and to settle damages for land taken in conjunction with the 1948 Highway Program under Chapter 81 and Chapter 90.

Voted: To adjourn at 9:54 P.M. to the first Monday in May, 1948 at 7:30 P.M.

The regular adjourned Town Meeting, adjourned from March 8, 1948 was held in the Town Hall on May 3, 1948. Meeting called to order by Wayne M. Philbrook, Moderator at 7:30 P.M.

Voted: That the School House Planning Committee be authorized and instructed to survey other possible Elementary School sites and report their findings thereon at a later date.

The Moderator appointed the Finance Committee for the year as follows: Joseph K. Milliken, Caesar Araujo, Thomas P. Barry, Norman S. Bowen, Robert H. Leeming, Dr. Charles M. Souza and Dr. Arnold E. Wordell.

Voted to adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

Special Town Meeting held in the Town Hall on November 29, 1948. Meeting called to order by the Clerk, Dwight F. Lane, at 2 P.M., who read the Warrant. In the absence of Moderator Wayne M. Philbrook, Rose E. Bolger was elected Moderator pro-tem. The polls were opened for voting at 2:05 P.M. and balloting was under the supervision of the following Election Officers: Rose E. Bolger, Catherine J. Sherman, Elaine Varley, Helen Atwood, Mary Hathaway, Florence Reed, Florence Perry, Isabelle Burgmann. The polls were closed at 7:30 P.M.

Ballots having been assorted and counted, the results were declared as follows:

Selectman for unexpired term of George V. Tinkham, resigned—William F. Hathaway.

Board of Public Welfare for unexpired term of George V. Tinkham, resigned—William F. Hathaway.

Auditor for unexpired term of William F. Hathaway, resigned—Ruth D. Leeming.

The business meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Wayne M. Philbrook at 8 P.M.

Voted: That the funds of the School Appropriation in the amount of $2,615.00 be transferred to the appropriated Reserve Account.

Voted: That the report of the School Planning Committee be accepted as presented.

Voted: To rescind a vote taken at a Special Town Meeting held November 17, 1947 with regard to the purchase of land from Mrs. Mabel Whitmarsh at Main and Milk Streets.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

The following appointments were made by the Selectmen for the year, each being duly sworn to faithful performance of duties thereof:

Constables: John W. Synan, Raymond A. Horton and Arthur F. Sprague.

Police Officers: John W. Synan, Owen Synan, Charles M. Gilbert, Russell Conn, John R. Stanley, Harry F. McConville, Wilson L. Reid, L. F. Carrier, Ernest H. Atwood, Wendell B. Carey, Albert Reed, Esther Bowden, LeRoy Latimer and E. A. Christenson.

Special Police Officers: (Arnold Hoffman & Co., Inc.) Norman S. Bowen, Karl Spratt, Burton Simmons, Lyle Ingalls, George West and Willis F. Barlow.

Special Police Officers: (Mt. Hope Finishing Co.) Clifford F. Wheeler, Adolphus B. Simmons, Frederick W. Hopkins, Jr., Alex Booth, Sr., Lawrence Ryan, Edmond Menard, Léon A. Talbot, Herbert W. Hayes, Robert T. Synan and Robert S. Turner.

Reserve Police Officers: James A. Ashcroft, Willis F. Barlow, Ervin E. Barney, Maurice Boucher, Charles A. Briggs, Charles Broadbent, Charles Brooks, F. W. Buckley, R. C. Chadwick, Arthur Contildes, Cassius Cummings, John K. Callaghan, John W. Harrison, Walter Hamilton, Robert Harnish, Thomas Higgins, Clyde W. Horton, Raymond A. Horton, Charles Mason, Thomas Nelson, Samuel Pine, Victor Repoza, Louis B. Rose, Benjamin C. Sherman, Frank Souza, George A. Staples, Harold Sherrington, Edward Torres, Robert S. Turner, Louis White, H. F. Willis, John Gray, Joseph Perry, George Rubadou and Frank Virdinlia.

Public Weighers: (Mt. Hope Finishing Co.) Joseph F. Alexandre, Leslie I. Atwood, Joseph Bargantine, Frank H. Boothby, Manuel Cardoza, Levite F. Carrier, Frank G. Dutra, William F. Hathaway, John F. McGowan, John S. Mather, Arthur A. Netto, Manuel Pacheco, Holida E. Paradis, Frank Posca, Thomas L. Smith, John Taylor,

Everett H. Waldron, Clifford F. Walton and Jason E. Waterman.

Public Weigher: (Arnold Hoffman & Co., Inc.) Walter Pilling.

Sealer of Weights and Measures: Donald B. Hathaway.

Burial Agent: Walter Hampton.

Inspector of Milk: Peter F. Connolly.

Social Worker: Bella M. Boucher.

State Aid and Soldier's Relief Correspondent: Clayton H. Atwood.

Inspector of Animals: Lester Briggs.

Suprintendent of Streets: Henry P. Goff.

Gypsy Moth Superintendent: George W. Rose.

Inspector of Slaughtering: Arthur F. Sprague.

Constable for South School: John Gray.

Constable for Somerset Water Works: Frederick Hunt.

Auctioneer: John W. Synan.

Registrar of Voters: Elliot Hathaway and Francis W. Buckley.

Harbor Master: Wilbur Menges.

Accident Compensation Agent: Harry S. Bridgford.

Measurer of Wood: Raymond Marble and Raymond Horton.

Field Driver and Pound Keeper: Raymond Horton and Wendell B. Carey.

Fence Viewer: Walter Hampton, Arthur F. Sprague and Raymond Horton.

Agent of Health Department: Dwight F. Lane and John W. Synan.

Chief of Police: John W. Synan.

Chiefs of Fire Department: John W. Synan and Donald B. Hathaway.

Town Nurse: Esther Bowden, R.N.

Election Officers: Precinct A — Anna Simmons, Catherine J. Sherman, Anna Carvalho, Selma V. Wall, Isabelle C. Burgmann, Robert Phillips, Frank H. Boothby, Emily Boothroyd and Evelyn Synan. Precinct B—Walter Hampton, Elaine B. Varley, Mary E. Hathaway, Hazel W. Horton, Helen E. Atwood, Florence M. Reed, Manuel Amaral and Catherine C. Carr. Precinct C—Rose Bolger, Florence I. Perry, George W. Rose, George E. Cole, Irene S. Goulart, Florence Sprague, Hazel Reed and Agnes Murray.

The following licenses were issued during the year 1948:

	Date of Issue	Date of Expiration
Junk Licenses:		
George F. Sylvia	Mar. 24, 1948	May 1, 1949
Paul F. Splaine	Apr. 7, 1948	May 1, 1949
Malvin M. Leonard	Apr. 22, 1948	May 1, 1949
Melvin Angus	May 3, 1948	May 1, 1949
Anthony White	May 13, 1948	May 1, 1949
Charles L. Leonard	Oct. 20, 1948	May 1, 1949
Common Victualler's License:		
C. R. Young	Jan. 2, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Joseph & Joseph L. Thomas	Jan. 5, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948

Frank Magoni & Thomas F. DiNucci	Jan. 6, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Mt. Hope Finishing Co.	Jan. 7, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Albert Enos	Jan. 20, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Joseph J. Soares	Mar. 16, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Theodore B. Ladd	Mar. 24, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Joseph W. Perry	Apr. 14, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Bristol Catering Co.	July 8, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Gertrude M. Coyle	Oct. 26, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Antone S. Roderick	Jan. 2, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Louis Constantine & Julian Hayden	Jan. 2, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948

Lord's Day Licenses:

Samuel Pine	Jan. 19, 1948	Apr. 30, 1948
Joseph J. Soares	Mar. 17, 1948	Apr. 30, 1948
Theodore B. Ladd	Mar. 24, 1948	Apr. 30, 1948
Joseph W. Perry	Apr. 30, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
J. Luther Adams	Apr. 30, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
Frank Magoni & Thomas F. DiNucci	Apr. 30, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
Peter Kossoi	Apr. 30, 1948	Ajr. 30, 1949
Joseph G. Faria	Apr. 30, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
Mary K. Wonchoba	May 6, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
Elliott E. Barney	May 7, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
William Benevides	May 7, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
Mid-City Flying Service	May 7, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
Harry P. Linnell	May 10, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
Samuel Pine	May 10, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
Albert Enos	May 12, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
Joseph Thomas	May 14, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
John R. Ingham	May 19, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
Louis Constantine & Julian Hayden	May 28, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
Taunton Yacht Club	June 15, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
Manuel P. Andru	July 15, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
Gertrude M. Coyle	Oct. 26, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949
John P. Pilling	Nov. 8, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949

Denatured Alcohol Licenses:

Paul B. Lassen	Jan. 1, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Francis Garage	Jan. 1, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Mid-City Flying Service	Jan. 1, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948

George H. Phillips & Son	Jan. 1, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Carl P. Gorden	Jan. 1, 1948	Dec 31, 1948
North Dighton Garage	Jan. 1, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948

Automobile Dealer's License:

Paul B. Lassen	Jan. 1, 1948	Jan. 1, 1949
Carl P. Gorden	Jan. 1, 1948	Jan. 1, 1949
Joseph W. Perry (Class 2)	Aug. 18, 1948	Jan. 1, 1949

Sausage Manufacturing License:

Manuel Borges	Apr. 21, 1948	Apr. 30, 1949

All Alcoholic Restaurant License:

Louis Constantine & Julian Hayden	Jan. 1, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Frank Magoni & Thomas F. DiNucci	Jan. 1, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948

Alcoholic Package Store License:

Annie Mendoza	Jan. 1, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Joseph B. Torres	Jan. 1, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948

Wines & Malt Beverages:

Lee Fields, Bristol Catering Co.	July 8, 1948	Sept. 4, 1948

Cabins License:

D. M. Angell	Mar. 29, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948
Nathan T. Ladd	Apr. 6, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948

Dancing Permit:

Louis Constantine & Julian L. Hayden	Jan. 1, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948

Milk Licenses: (Stores)

Albert Enos, William F. Benevides, C. R. Young, P. Kossoi, Lee Fields, No. Dighton Food Store, John R. Ingham, Louis Constantine and Julian L. Hayden, Joseph Thomas, Harry Linnell, Frank Magoni and Thomas DiNucci, Manuel P. Andru, Gertrude M. Coyle.

Milk Licenses: (Dealers)

Berube Dairy, H. P. Hood & Sons, Devine Milk Co., Mt. Hope Dairy, John Martin & Sons.

A Dog Racing Meeting License was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. beginning July 9, 1948 and ending September 4, 1948 from 7:00 P.M. to 12:00 Midnight.

Attest:

DWIGHT F. LANE

Town Clerk

Dogs Licensed in 1948

The following licenses were issued during the year.

Breeders	1
Male	286
Female	38
Spayed	55
Total	380

Births Recorded During the Year 1948

Date	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
3	Kathleen Ventura	Alfred and Leona Ventura
7	Daniel Joseph Dunne, 3rd	Daniel and Mary Dunne
7	Louise Darleen Batt	Richard B. and Irene Batt
10	Irene Catherine Simas	John and Cecilia Simas
17	Linda Louise Pina	Albert and Elizabeth Pina
18	Edward John Silvia	John and Virginia Silvia
18	Kathleen Peloquin	Robert and Mabel Peloquin
19	Laura Lou Rynhart	Frank and Myrtle Rynhart
21	Antoinette Marie Costa	Anthony and Esther Costa
21	Laurel Lynn Pierce	Bion C. and Charlotte Pierce
23	Linda Louise Preston	Joseph and Phoebe Preston
25	Bruce Robert Emsley	Robert J. and Alice Emsley
31	Ellen Munro Day	Charles F. and Marion R. Day
FEBRUARY		
8	Francis Mendoza	William and Evelyn Mendoza
13	Chester Alan Jennings	Chester and Alice Jennings
14	Peter Curt Cross	John and Lena Cross
15	Kathleen Synan	William E. and Alice Synan
23	Patrick Peter Davis	Louis F. and Victoria Davis
28	Victor Raymond DeCastra	Earl W. and Mary DeCastra
MARCH		
2	Martha Jean Synan	Owen W. and Ursula Synan
14	Patricia May Pinto	Manuel and Mary Pinto
15	Thomas James Pries	John and Margaret Pries
16	Henry Allen Braga	Henry and Mabel Braga
21	Charles George Brooks	Charles and Irene Brooks
23	Hugh MacDonald	Hugh and Helen MacDonald
26	Kathleen Louise Jones	Walter and Frances Jones
27	David A. Horton	Clyde W. and Bessie M. Horton
APRIL		
1	Barbara Ann Travis	Herbert C. and Eva A. Travis
6	Diana M. Oehrle	Spencer D. and Marion Oehrle

Date	Name	Parents
9	John Marshall	Edward and Josephine Marshall
10	Sandra Louise Olson	Carl A. and Delphine Olson
17	Norman A. Ingalls	Horace I. and Virginia E. Ingalls
23	David Allen Corderio	Joseph and Irene Corderio
26	Robert Francis Menard	Raymond and Louise Menard
29	David Rose	Charles A. and Louise I. Rose
MAY		
3	Nancy Priscilla Adams	Clarence W. and Priscilla Adams
11	Vera Ann DeSousa	Henry and Ruth DeSousa
12	Joyce Marie Bleau	Conrad and Mary Bleau
14	Frances Borges	Seth and Dorothy Borges
14	Donna Lee Ashcroft	William and Barbara Ashcroft
21	Brenda Elizabeth Place	Bradford D. and Elizabeth Place
23	Stephen L. MacKay	Kenneth L. and Mabel MacKay
25	Wayne Charles Souza	Frank C. and Josephine L. Souza
26	Sandra Marie Francis	Joseph and Leonore Francis
30	Frederick Joseph Silvia	Oscar E. and Margaret Silvia
30	Merridith Jane Harris	Charles W. and Florence M. Harris
JUNE		
1	Susan Carol Jordan	George C. and Katherine Jordan
5	Douglas Barry Collins	Kenneth J. and Rita Collins
10	Cynthia Florence Hall	Charles G. and Sarah Hall
11	Paul Joseph Smith	Frederick J. and Dorothy H. Smith
12	Dunbar	William and Alice Dunbar
22	Deborah Louise Harwood	Frederick and Marion Harwood
28	Russell Lawrence Bradshaw	Lawrence H. and Jennie Bradshaw
JULY		
1	Downey	William E. and Clara Downey
7	Deborah Holmes White	Thomas and Alice White
7	Christine Horton	Paull and Patricia Horton
9	Linda Joyce Gracia	Robert F. and Anna Gracia
16	Raymond J. Sylvia	Raymond T. and Audrey Sylvia
16	Janice Marie Rose	John M. and Mary Rose
17	Donna Jean Robbins	Louis F. and Virginia Robbins
18	Noreen Ann Silvia	Marion and Anna Silvia
23	James Lawrence Sherman	Donald A. and Bertha Sherman

Date	Name	Parents
26	Laurenda Ann Menges	Wilbur S. and Nina Menges
28	John Michael Zlonkiewicz	John and Josephine Zlonkiewicz
31	Polly Jo Crawford	John and Frances Crawford

AUGUST

1	Joseph William Murphy	Joseph G. and Ruth Murphy
4	Jane Frances Fitta	John R. and Alice Fitta
7	James Melvin Walczak	George and Blanche Walczak
14	Patricia Callaghan	John K. and Rita Callaghan
19	Michael Francis Rose	Francis and Helen Rose
25	Barry Winston Wood	Winston L. and Corrinne Wood
26	David Earle Varley	Earle H. and Ruth Varley
26	Catherine Redfern	Ernest and Mildred Redfern
31	Robert E. Winn	Edward and Thelma Winn

SEPTEMBER

2	Charles Perry, Jr.	Charles and Adelaide Perry
3	Patricia Ellen Cooke	William T. and Olga Cooke
7	Kenneth Wayne Silva	Louis and Elizabeth Silva
9	Nancy Mary Silvia	Charles and Mary Silvia
10	Francis Joseph Posca	Frank and Linda Posca
11	Maureen Murphy	Robert F. and Jeannette Murphy
13	Barbara Jean Horton	Richmond and Mildred Horton
15	Deborah Heywood	James V. and Priscilla Heywood
18	John Eugene Soucy	L. Paul and Margaret Soucy
18	Brenda Louise Mello	Manuel and Eleanor Mello
25	Thomas Chester Bliss	Charles and Gertrude Bliss

OCTOBER

6	Margaret Gomes	Joseph and Louise Gomes
6	Cynthia Ann Rasmussen	Charles and Adrienne Rasmussen
10	Edward David Logan	Edward and Marilyn Logan
30	Robert Araujo	Caesar and Agnes Araujo

NOVEMBER

22	Donna Jean Read	James and Beulah Read
27	Cheryl Ann Caron	Edward and Marguerite Caron
27	Beryl Mae Souza	Ernest and Dorothy Souza

Date	Name	Parents
4	Robert Alton Quackenbush	Gerald and Evelyn Quackenbush
7	Brian Keith Rose	Harold A. and Dora Rose
8	Janet R. Moynihan	Robert L. and Simone Moynihan
11	Anthony Donald Costa	Anthony D. and Anne M. Costa
29	Carol Linda Belcher	Martin Van and Evelyn Belcher
29	Sandra DeRose	Edwin and Elenore DeRose
29	Robert Edwin Costa, Jr.	Robert and Eva Costa
30	Kathleen Medeiros	Antone and Mary Medeiros

DECEMBER

1	Carol Holmes	Norman and Marion Holmes
3	Suzan Ann Lee	Noble and Sybil Lee
5	Carole Frances Walsh	Henry and Lucille Walsh
7	Colleen Elizabeth Bolger	James F. and Barbara Bolger
7	Mary Lou Laine	Alphonse and Margaret Laine
7	Joseph Henry Carlos, Jr.	Joseph H. and Phyllis Carlos
11	Lawrence David Knox	David and Jeanette Knox
12	Joyce Shaw	Arthur and Louise Shaw
13	John Knowles Milliken	Robert D. and Jean Milliken
13	Esther E. Kherlopian	Vahram H. and Isabel Kherlopian
14	Sybil Mary Bacon	James and Sybil Bacon
18	Rose	Andrew and Esther Rose
19	Mary Ann Cromley	Thomas and Anne Cromley
30	Paul McAloon	Edgar and Mary J. McAloon
31	Cynthia Harpin	Alfred and Irene Harpin

Marriages Recorded During the Year 1948

JANUARY

31 Frank Rezendes Paiva of Dighton and Telwina Silvia Sardinia of Taunton, by Edward L. Killigrew, Priest.

FEBRUARY

7 Albert D. Ambrosio of Fall River and Wilamena Catabia of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

9 Leo Reynolds of Killingly, Conn. and Alzada (Pierce) Merrill of Dighton, by S. T. Lippincott, Minister.

MARCH

9 Earle H. Varley of Dighton and Ruth T. Compos of Taunton, by Francis McKeon, Priest.

29 Joseph S. Corey of Dighton and Bayvena Costa of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

APRIL

3 Elman J. Gracia of Dighton and Frances Romano of Boston, by James J. McManus, Priest.

3 George Souza of Fall River and Alice Perry of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.

3 Charles Silvia of Taunton and Mary P. Mattos of Taunton, by John J. Shay, Priest.

10 George H. Menard of Dighton and Jeanne B. (LaPlante) Cabana of Taunton, by Arthur C. Levesques, Priest.

17 Humbert R. Costa of Fall River and Helen Lena Goulart of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

17 Peter Paul Gonsalves of Norton and Therese B. Menard of Taunton, by John J. Shay, Priest.

24 John White of Dighton and Evelyn White of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

24 James F. Castle of Taunton and Irene Morris of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.

MAY

1 Joseph Leo Abrain of Dighton and Mable Deslauriers of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

12 Carl Mendezona of Roseburg, Oregon and Marion (Estabrooks) Allard, by James K. Allen, Clergyman.

15 John Evangelho of Dighton and Elsie Cabral of Taunton, by M. J. Teixeira, Priest.

15 Joseph Rodriques of Dighton and Belmira Almeida of Westport, by Alphonse E. Gauthie, Priest.

22 George Raposa of Raynham and Betty J. Gilbert of Dighton, by Lillie B. Merrill, Justice of the Peace.

28 John E. Rasmussen of Dighton and Pauline Lillian Lacroix of Taunton, by Francis McKeon, Priest.

29 Robert Edwin Costa of Dighton and Eva Loretta Marques of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

31 Ralph Bettencourt of Dighton and Anna C. Chaves of Taunton, by Leo M. Curry, Priest.

JUNE

12 Thomas F. Reynolds of Taunton and Martha Ruth Marsden of Taunton, by John J. Shay, Priest.

19 Charles W. Chace of Attleboro and Priscilla M. Horton of Dighton, by George H. Douglos, Minister.

19 Ralph Evan Owen of Taunton and Audrey June Briggs of Dighton, by James K. Allen, Minister.

26 John H. Pimenta of Taunton and Alice L. Carvalho of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.

26 John Joseph Bolger of Dighton and Florence Rita Fitzgerald of Taunton, by Francis McKeon, Priest.

26 Francis Perry of Dighton and Geraldine Salley of Attleboro, by James M. Quinn, Priest.

JULY

3 George Edmund Oldmixon of Dighton and Marjorie Ann Travis of Assonet by Clarence F. Gifford, Minister.

3 Henry Cabral Souza of Swansea and Lorraine Carpenter of Dighton, by Joseph L. Cabral, Priest.

10 Peter Saroka of Fall River and Emily Monteiro of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

17 Salvador Calvillo Lopez of Dighton and Diana Phyllis Cabral of Dighton, by Manuel C. Avila, Clergyman.

21 Antonio Gallego of Taunton and Barbara Marvel of Taunton, by John J. Shay, Priest.

24 Ralph Carr of Dighton and Barbara Cary of Hyde Park, by James H. O'Connell, Priest.

28 Mason I. Leonard, Jr. of Fall River and Helen B. Doraz of Dighton, by Finley Keech, Minister.

31 Michael Botelho of Somerset and Doris I. Jones of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

AUGUST

1 Kaston K. Ludovicz of Dighton and Helen Norkus of Brockton, by Francis W. Strakanskas, Priest.

14 Leonard W. Hayward, Jr. of Dighton and Eleanor L. Casey of Providence, R. I., by George H. Douglas, Minister.

14 John Carpenter of Dighton and Lillian M. Travers of Swansea, by A. Ponte, Priest.

21 John F. Lima of Taunton and Alice V. Silvia of Taunton, by James McBreen, Priest.

28 Frederick G. Santos of Dighton and Delores L. Reynolds of Taunton, by James McBreen, Priest.

28 John Zasmuta of Fall River and Marceline Monteiro of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

28 Alfred G. Lapierre of Providence, R. I. and Margaret J. (Caldwell) Harris of Providence, R. I., by James K. Allen, Clergyman.

29 Wilfred C. Turner of Dighton and Lucille M. Jardin of Taunton, by Edward L. Killigrew, Priest.

SEPTEMBER

4 Louis R. Gracia of Berkley and Mary Ann Neves of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

6 Manuel Fonseca of Taunton and Barbara Louise Carvalho of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

10 Jefferson W. Bennett of Marion and Alfreda Doraz of Dighton, by Morris D. Stein, Justice of the Peace.

11 Alvin Silvia of Somerset and Beatrice L. Gracia of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

13 Ernest A. Corey of Dighton and Mildred (White) Ferrier of Taunton, by Charles E. Worden, Justice of the Peace.

18 Joseph A. Nascimento of Taunton and Hilda F. Cambra of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

22 George Gomes of Taunton and Mary G. (Compos) Bissonnette of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

25 George A. Perry of Swansea and Mary Margaret Rose of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

25 Joseph Rose of Dighton and Marion E. Dias of Rehoboth, by George H. Douglas, Minister.

25 Joshua Kaeton of Dighton and Celeste Baptiste of New Bedford, by M. B. Sequeira, Minister.

26 Antone R. Paiva, Jr. of Dighton and Marie Bruso of Middleboro, by Waldo S. Thomas, Justice of of the Peace.

OCTOBER

1 William E. Campbell of Windsor, Conn. and Marion P. Moore of Taunton, by John J. Shay, Priest.

2 James Wade Weedon of Capitol Heights, Md.

and Ethel Anna Rose of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

10 Antone Costa of Dighton and Vera (Angelora) Higgins of Medford, by Maurice T. Mahoney, Priest.

23 Robert W. Perry of Taunton and Anne Louise Frazer of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.

29 Leland C. Pierce of Dighton and Susie M. (Monk) Bleazard of Taunton, by Nolan J. McClurg, Clergyman.

NOVEMBER

6 Edward H. Torres of Dighton and Mary E. Victurine of Berkley, by Edward A. Oliveira, Priest.

19 Joseph Smith of Dighton and Margaret A. O'Connell of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.

20 Robert K. Crafford of Rehoboth and Evelyn L. Morey of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

27 Joseph Allen Coelho of Dighton and Jean Brady of Taunton, by James Dolan, Priest.

DECEMBER

4 Alexander Trzcinski of Dighton and Blanche E. Sherman of Berkley, by William J. Browne, Clergyman.

4 Robert W. Briggs of Dighton and Mary Rebello of Pawtucket by William M. Connell, Justice of the Peace.

11 George McGinnis of Dighton and Ada (Kossoi) Bulotsky of Dighton, by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.

22 James A. Anderson of Bristol, R. I. and Martha L. (Sanford) Bell of Dighton, by James K. Allen, Clergyman.

Deaths Recorded During the Year 1948

Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.
JANUARY				
17	William F. Chace	79	8	20
26	Alexander Deslauriers	71	11	5
26	John Russell	76	8	4
28	Hattie M. Amidon	95	3	5
FEBRUARY				
2	Amelia A. Carpenter	75	5	15
8	Eva G. Glover	73	7	9
9	Annie Gifford	82		
MARCH				
18	Frederick W. Hopkins, Jr.	59	7	11
21	Berthe Mary Hoffshire	82	11	6
APRIL				
7	Nathan B. Horton	76	8	21
17	Charles H. Walker	73	11	2
MAY				
1	Frederick Albert Mosher	83	4	9
15	Frank Rogers	76		
16	Jean M. Read	72	1	13
21	Mary E. Pierce	84		
JUNE				
3	Mary A. Smith	82	2	15
11	Mary Martin Catabia	58	8	20
14	Joseph John Donlon	55		
15	Francis J. Drogue	73		
24	Cynthia M. Smith	88	5	20
25	Roy S. Horsman	53	5	16

Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.
JULY				
2	Downey		10 Hrs.	
12	Alvin T. Westcott	89	8	20
16	Grace Carey	71	7	
26	Elizabeth E. Kenworthy	79	9	29
31	Joseph L. Thomas	24	8	12
AUGUST				
4	P.F.C. Sheldon I. Clarkson	20	5	5
7	Ernest J. Standring	47	11	15
10	Annie Scholes	75		
12	Margaret J. A. Sullivan	76		
17	William C. Prince	61	11	1
23	John B. Robinson	72	11	2
28	Joseph Rogers Pires	65		
SEPTEMBER				
4	George L. Seekell	62	8	4
20	George S. Sunderland	64	7	4
24	Bessie T. Milliken	66	11	26
28	Mary E. Fahey	77	11	5
OCTOBER				
13	Benjamin H. Armstrong	87	10	2
14	Frank Simmons	67		
19	William A. Estes	70	9	21
29	Rose A. May	52	2	6
NOVEMBER				
5	Helena S. Hayes	65	4	3
DECEMBER				
6	Robert W. Martin	37		
11	Eliza P. Chace	81	9	28
17	George W. Redfearn	83	11	29

Report of North Dighton Fire Department for 1948

To the Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of the North Dighton Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1948:

House Fires	3
Barn Fires	1
Garage Fires	1
Poultry Bldg. Fires	1
Oil Burner Fires	2
Chimney Fires	3
Automobile Fires	1
Dump Fires	4
Brush Fires	4
Grass Fires	2
Industrial Fires	2
Total	24

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. SYNAN

Chief of North Dighton

Fire Department.

Report of Dighton Fire Department

Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report of the Dighton Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1948:

Type	Number	Damage
Grass	6	
Chimney	4	
Dump	3	
Oil Burner	1	
Dwelling House	6	$2,000
Automobile	4	100
Brush	2	
Garage	1	200

The following are approximate figures of the amount of water pumped ,hose laid and equipment used:

10,000 gallons water
2,400 feet Booster Hose
1,300 feet 1½ inch Hose
3,250 feet 2½ inch Hose
352 feet—Ladders Raised

During the early part of April the Town put into service a hydrant at the corner of County and Main Streets. With this hydrant and the one located at "Thirty Acres," the Department can protect homes on Somerset Avenue, Pleasant Street, Main and County Streets.

Approximately one month after the hydrant at the corner of County and Main Streets was installed, it proved very valuable in saving the home of Mrs. William Hamilton.

There were very few fires during the year as compared to other years.

The Fire Station on Main Street that formerly housed one piece of apparatus has been remodeled, and we now have a modern station housing two fire trucks and equipment, and the Town Ambulance.

During the summer months the Department held numerous drills on various phases of fire fighting.

I wish to thank the Town Officials and the citizens of Dighton for the fine cooperation given the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY

Chief of Dighton

Fire Department.

Report of Dighton Ambulance

Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1948:

During the year the ambulance made 28 trips and handled 36 patients.

The listing of patients is as follows:

Cases of illness	26
Victims of automobile accidents	10

The listing of trips is as follows:

To Morton Hospital, Taunton	13
To Truesdale Hospital, Fall River	4
To Union Hospital, Fall River	1
To City Hospital, Fall River	1
To Mt. Hope Hospital, North Dighton	1
To State Hospital, Pondville	1
To Linnell Home	1
To Simmons Home, E. Taunton	1
To North Station, Boston	1
To New England Hospital, Stoneham	1
From Morton Hospital, Taunton	2
From Truesdale Hospital, Fall River	1

As in other years, the ambulance has been manned by members of the Fire Department who have donated their services.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY
Chief of Dighton
Fire Department.

Report of Police Department

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith the report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1948:

Record of Arrests

Drunkenness	7
Assault and Battery	2
Disturbing Peace	2
Breaking and Entering at Night and Larceny	3
Larceny	1
Neglect to Provide	4
Neglect of Minor Children	1
Illegitimate Child Act	1
Trespass	1
Delilnquent Children	2
Stubbornness	1
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	4
Operating Motor Vehicle Negligently	5
Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Liquor	3
Leaving scene of Accident	1
	38
Arrests for other Towns and Cities	24
Commitments to State Hospital	3
Total	65

Street Lights Reported Out	186
Store Doors Found Unlocked	2
Automobiles Found Abandoned and Owners Notified	4
Complaints and Reports Received and Investigated or Otherwise Acted Upon	795

In the interest of law enforcement and in maintaining valuable contacts with other police departments, I have attended the regular meetings of the Southeastern Massachusetts Police Chief Association and the New England Police Association.

I wish to thank all of the Town Officials and Agencies of our Town as well as all of our citizens for their co-operation in our efforts to maintain order in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. SYNAN

Chief of Police.

Dighton Public Library Report

To the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton, I herewith submit my report for the year 1948.

Total circulation of books and magazines	16,596
Adult books	6,864
Juvenile books	8,812
Magazines	920
Number of persons using the reading room	713
Number of books repaired	405
Collected in fines	$45.65

During the year 213 books were added, twelve of which were gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

HELENA CHAMBERLAIN

Librarian.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF

DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1948

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Gene Perry, Chairman Dighton	1949
Edward C. French, Secretary North Dighton	1951
Harold O. Woodward Segreganset	1949
Mrs. Jessie Christenson Dighton	1950
Charles Swartz North Dighton	1950
Lawrence Mendoza Dighton	1951

Superintendent

John J. Rolfe, B.Ed., M. Ed.

Residence: 117 School Street, North Dighton
Office: Dighton High School, Segreganset
Telephone: Dighton 3361 (Office)
Taunton 2-0698 (Home)

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A. M.
and by appointment.

Secretary

Gladys P. Babbitt

School Physician

C. M. Souza, M.D.

School Nurse

Esther Bowden, R.N.

Attendance Supervisor

Howell S. Carr

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Presentation of a birth certificate is required for entrance to the first grade.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a certificate of vaccination or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary Schools

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary schools the notice will be broadcast over Radio Station WEAN at 7:05 A.M. and at 8:20 A.M. and over Radio Station WBZ at 7:05 A.M., 7:30 A.M., and at 8:30 A.M. In addition in North Dighton the street lights will be turned on from 7:45 to 8 A.M. In South Dighton three blasts on the Anchor Color and Gum Works whistle will be sounded at 7:45 A.M.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated there will be school at Dighton High School unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the

event of closing the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for the elementary schools.

Transportation

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

Herewith is submitted my sixth annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Dighton. Incorporated herein is the report of the Dighton School Committee. Only the most pertinent information is set forth here. Further details will be furnished by the School Office to any who might be interested.

Personnel

Changes in teacher personnel and difficulties of replacement continue to hamper our educational program. During the past year we have replaced ten teachers or approximately one-third of our faculty. When the Dighton School Committee voted two years ago to rescind its ruling regarding the employment of married women in

an effort to obtain a more permanent faculty it seemed that we would have fewer changes. However, more than half of those who have left have been married. Some of these changes have occurred during the school year when the problem of replacement is most difficult. Our most serious teacher shortage exists in the elementary grades. We can anticipate no improvement in the situation for a number of years. In order to compete with other communities and also to eliminate certain salary inequalities, the School Committee for the first time adopted a salary schedule in November to become effective as of January 1st, 1949. In general this schedule establishes a minimum salary of $2400 per year for teachers with a Bachelor's Degree. Increments of $100 per year will be granted until a maximum of $3000 has been reached provided that the teacher meets certain professional improvement requirements. Those acquiring a Master's Degree have a maximum of $3200. The non-degree maximum is $2500 per year with further increases for credits toward a degree. Although these maxima are not high enough to keep all good teachers indefinitely, the Committee hopes to be able to attract good personnel and retain them for a reasonable length of time.

One of our most serious losses was experienced this year at the resignation of our Commercial teacher, Miss Laliberte, who has accepted a position in Attleboro at a salary considerably higher than that received in Dighton. During her seven years with us she has established high standards in our Commercial department and has had an important part in the general improvement of the Dighton High School. We regret the leaving of a master teacher who has left a permanent influence on the lives of so many students.

Repairs

With the exception of major jobs most of our repair work is done by our janitors. In the North Elementary School the ceilings in all four rooms were insulated, and the entire heating system was checked and repaired where necessary. Two long radiators were split to increase the heating efficiency. With these improvements we believe that the difficulties in heating this building have been overcome. There should be a considerable saving in fuel consumption.

The painting of the North Primary School was done by Earle Parker. The completion of this long postponed project has greatly improved the appearance of the building. Lights were installed for the first time to the two sanitaries and in the teachers' room. General minor repairs and improvements were done by Mr. Ingham.

Only those repairs that required immediate attention were considered at the South School. We find that many townspeople have never seen this School. We urge them to pay it a visit at their earliest opportunity.

No major repairs were undertaken at the High School. All painting, minor repairs, and general improvements were done by the janitors. Both the north and south ends of the building need attention this year if at all possible. Water seepage through joints and around windows has become a serious problem and can be adequately remedied only by the services of waterproofing experts at a considerable expenditure of money.

New Equipment

The following new equipment was purchased during the past year: A shaper and a wood lathe for the woodworking department; fifty new elementary desks; new

stage curtains and backdrops for the High School stage; seven typewriters; steel filing cabinet for the North Primary School; a tape recorder; a vacuum cleaner for the High School; a fryolater for the cafeteria, a Garland range for the cafeteria; a new motor and cutters for the lawn mower; a bioscope for the science department.

Three of the typewriters that were replaced by new ones at the High School were sent to the elementary schools. The North Elementary School and the South School each purchased a combination radio-record maker from its own funds.

Music

Our music department continues to improve under the direction of Mr. Harris. At the present time we have a high school Boy's Glee Club of 70 voices and a Girls' Glee Club of 125 voices. The high school orchestra and the band each have 33 members. The combination high school-elementary band has 68 members. During the year our music organizations have appeared publicly many times both in Dighton and elsewhere and were always enthusiastically received. Our band uniforms will be completed in the very near future. A drum majorette corps which was organized and uniformed in the Fall performed at our football games.

During the year we have purchased a double B flat Sousaphone, a glockenspiel, two tympans; and clarinets. Some of the instruments that were purchased second hand several years ago at a nominal price need to be replaced. Although satisfactory progress is being made in vocal music in the grades, a great deal of work remains to be done, especially with the uncertain singers.

Audio-Visual Aids

The work of the audio-visual aids department is being carried on very successfully under the general direction of Mr. Gillespie. The fact that we are better equipped than most schools makes it possible to achieve many of the aims and objectives of an ideal program. However, the best results can be accomplished only when the program is coordinated and supervised under one who can give full time to the job. Eventually our aim should be to employ a full time director for the work of this department.

Educational Costs

The costs of education in Dighton continue to increase as in practically all other communities. In 1948 we received from the State the sum of $5,200 for transportation reimbursements. Until 1947 we received no aid under this item. The 1948 Legislature passed an amended Chapter 70 School Aid Bill to replace certain other reimbursement provisions. Under this new bill Dighton wilil receive approximately $17,500 instead of $4,700 that was formerly received under the old Chapter 70, Part I. If the Commissioner of Education allows the Alternate Formula, Dighton will be granted approximately $25,000 to replace the $4,700 of the old Part I. However, because no new monies were made available, the State Aid to Education must be apportioned from the Income Tax. This new way of apportioning will give to Dighton additional income, but at the present time we do not know exactly what the net to the Town will be.

In making up its budget the School Committee was guided entirely by the needs of the schools rather than by how much the Town might receive from the State in additional income.

South School

A year ago the Town had voted to purchase the Whitmarsh property for the sum of $3,300 as a site for a new school to replace the present South School. Since that time a great deal of interest and difference of opinion has arisen regarding our school building problem. The School Committee made certain definite recommendations to the Planning Committee relative to the size of classrooms, lighting, heating, ventilation, equipment, sanitary facilities, playground, and other phases of building that would affect the school program. The Planning Committee accepted these recommendations and proceeded to incorporate them in the tentative plans for a building. At a Special Town Meeting held in November the voters rescinded the vote for the purchase of the Whitmarsh property, voted not to build at that location, and voted down the recommendation of the Planning Committee that facilities for children now attending the South School be provided for in a new building adjacent to the present North Elementary School.

At this writing there seems to be considerable interest in either a complete consolidated plan or in a plan that will provide for housing of the children of the South School in a building that can be expanded into a completely consolidated unit. We hope that a definite decision can be made at our Town Meeting in March so that the State Aid of 40% of the cost of construction may be available before the expiration of the terms of the Act.

General

Through an additional donation to the Dighton High School Bleacher Fund, it was possible to construct two more sections of bleachers during the summer. With the

laying and painting of the plank seats this very worthwhile project was completed.

Because of circumstances beyond our control, the three new buses did not arrive until after the opening of school.

As of January 1, 1949 the tuition rate at Dighton High School is increased from $135.00 to $150.00 per year. Although this rate is less than the actual per pupil cost certain educational advantages accrue from our increased enrollment to warrant Dighton's carrying more than its share of the expense of maintaining a high school.

Conclusion

Through the interest and support of the Town officials and the townspeople the School Committee is able to continue to provide for a continual improvement in our schools. May we always have such cooperation and high morale in this work that is so vital to the education of the boys and girls of Dighton.

I wish to thank the people of Dighton for the many evidences of their realization of the necessity for a good school system.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. ROLFE,

Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1948

Receipts

Appropriation	$118,220.00
Dog Tax	564.83
	$118,786.83

Expenditures

General Control	$5,289.18
Transportation	8,089.50
Teachers' Salaries	70,276.64
Books	1,487.77
Supplies	2,709.32
Janitors' Salaries	8,983.00
Fuel	4,812.80
Electricity	1,675.20
Gas	127.44
Janitors' Supplies	591.70
Miscellaneous	605.30
Boiler Repairs	564.95
Repairs	3,380.03
Health	1,961.18
New Equipment	2,517.75
Library	392.82
Staff Expenses	75.27
Tuition	16.50
Vocational Education:	
General Shop—Day	1,368.75
Practical Arts—Evening	188.00
Household Arts—Day	91.07
Dental Fund	925.00
Transfer to Reserve Account	2,615.00
Balance	42.66
	$118,786.83

NET COST TO TOWN

Expenditures, 1948		$116,129.17
Receipts, 1948:		
Reimbursements, Teachers' Salaries (Part 1, Chap. 70)	$4,611.00	
Reimbursement, Superintendent's Salary and Travel	1,183.57	
Reimbursement, Vocational Education	4,376.28	
Tuition:		
Berkley	5,942.61	
Freetown	4,813.54	
Rehoboth	8,057.48	
Miscellaneous Tuition	760.97	
Miscellaneous Receipts	205.67	
Transportation	4,890.20	
Dental Clinic Income	377.50	
Total Receipts, 1948		35,218.82
Net Cost to Town		$80,910.35

Report of the School Nurse

To the Superintendent of Schools:
Dighton, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rolfe:

I submit the following report as School Nurse for the year 1948.

Health is a state of well being that prevails when all body processes, physical, mental and emotional, are working together harmoniously so that one can meet the demands of life capably and serenely. It is to this purpose that the work is carried on in the schools and the Town to help make Dighton a Healthy Community. Only through complete cooperation between the home and school can best results be obtained.

The annual physical examinations were given all pupils. Enlarged tonsil and adenoids and an increased number of flat feet seemed to be the major defects. Through the physical education program and the stressing of good posture at all times, some help can be accomplished for the conditions of flat feet. Notices were sent to parents and home calls were made where correction was found necessary.

The Dental Clinic has been successful again with more and better results showing as time goes on. I think all pupils in the Elementary grades now realize the importance of Dental Health. The Sodium Floride treatment was started in September, many taking advantage of this opportunity.

The other examinations were carried out. Several pupils were recommended to go to their own eye doctor for further examinations. These children were fitted to glasses and an improvement was noticed in their work right away.

Through the Bristol County Health Association chest X-Rays were taken of all High School students, the school personnel and all teachers. All reports were negative.

I wish to thank the teachers for their continued help and cooperation and to all others who have helped with this health program.

Respectfully submitted ,

ESTHER BOWDEN, R.N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Calendar Year 1949

Dighton High School

School	opens	January 3, 1949
	closes	February 18, 1949
School	opens	February 28, 1949
	closes	April 15, 1949
School	opens	April 25, 1949
	closes	June 17, 1949
School	opens	September 7, 1949
	closes	December 23, 1949

Elementary Schools

School	opens	January 3, 1949
	closes	February 18, 1949

School	opens	February 28, 1949
	closes	April 15, 1949
School	opens	April 25, 1949
	closes	June 10, 1949
School	opens	September 8, 1949
	closes	December 23, 1949

School will close on the following days:

April 15—Good Friday
May 30—Memorial Day
October 12—Columbus Day
October 28—Teachers' Convention
November 11—Armistice Day
November 24 and 25—Thanksgiving recess

Report of the Principal of the Dighton High School

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report as Principal of Dighton High School.

The nature of this report shall be primarily to present the various changes and improvements that have been accomplished throughout the past year. My previous reports would seem to have established the philosophy or objectives of Dighton High School and those are available in most homes for re-examination. Certainly we continue to believe that our high school to be adequate and progressive must contain the necessary curricula and

subjects to enable graduates to continue their education successfully or to enter occupations directly with a well-balanced and practical background of secondary school training. Also there must be provision for students to participate in multifold activities supplementing the usual scholastic program which ultimately have as their objectives preparation and training for citizenship in the community of today.

Early last spring it was apparent that a longer school day was forthcoming in order to fulfill all requirements established by the State and Federal governments for general vocational departments. As a result of that knowledge the faculty began an intensive study of our "time" schedule since the addition of only twenty minutes to the length of the school day would involve considerable change in the length of classroom periods in order to coordinate them with the general vocational shop periods. After much study and revision a daily and weekly program was evolved and submitted for approval. Eventually this new program went into effect in September.

There are two phases to our new program. First is the regular classroom schedule representing our five curricula (College, Commercial, General, General Vocational and Household Arts). Previously all classes met daily for forty-two or forty-three minutes net (exclusive of passing time for changing classes). Now each class meets for an average of fifty-three minutes net four times a week. It is believed that the longer periods are beneficial due to the greater opportunity of subject teachers to supervise study and direct study habits for an average of ten minutes daily per class throughout the week. After almost a half year of the above schedule of classes there

seems to be evidence of no diminution of progress and achievement.

All students except those excused by certificates from their family doctors for reasons of health are required to take physical education. Previous to September a physical education period was forty-two minutes in length and it is obvious that after permitting opportunity for changing to and from gymnasium clothes and taking showers there was limited time for effective physical education. Now there is approximately a half hour allowed for the actual physical or activity program.

The second phase of our new program is that of the related classes, activities or clubs. Formerly there was one period a day for those and in the opinion of the faculty and myself there were many inadequacies existing. For instance, our four musical groups and our four dramatic groups would be meeting at the same time for the most part. Certainly participation in both should be valuable and yet in most cases that would be impossible. In addition there could be many additional related activities of certain types if there were longer time permitted for particular kinds of actiivties. The best examples of those activities requiring longer periods are cooking, woodworking, mechanical drawing, decorating and tray-painting, and photography.

As a result of a close analysis of all factors, it was eventually decided to have consecutive periods of activities only twice a week instead of every day. Hence all musical groups meet on Tuesday during four consecutive periods of forty minutes each. At the same time there are many other groups or activities for student choice. On Thursday there is a home room guidance period, then

an activity period which includes the four dramatic groups and many others. A third period is set aside for assemblies, class meetings, Student Council meetings, etc.

I believe that many citizens of Dighton are not aware of the variety of curricular and non-curricular classes which are in operation at Dighton High School. I am certain that it can be stated positively that there are few schools of our size, even many that are larger, which have as complete a program offering. It seems to be of such importance that I believe it appropriate to present the schedules representing the two phases of our program.

Curricular Program

Miss Jean Cleary—English I (2 divisions), English II (2 divisions).

Mr. Charles Day—Shop 1 (3 hours), Shop III and IV (3 hours) (Auto repairing, welding, forging, metal work, machine shop).

Mr. Leo DeMarco—Bookkeeping I (2 divisions), Bookkeeping II, General Business Training, English II.

Mr. Lawrence Folloni—Business Arithmetic, Physical Education (5 divisions).

Mr. Edward Gillespie—Biology (2 divisions), *Physics (2 divisions).

*Chemistry, 1949-1950

Miss Yolande Laliberte—Stenography I, Stenography III, Office Practice, Typing I (2 divisions), Typing III.

Miss Ann Lanoue—French I, French II, French III, Latin I, Latin II.

Mr. Olivio Lopes—United States History, English III (2 divisions), English IV (2 divisions).

Mr. Charles O'Connell—Woodworking II and III (3 hours), Shop Mathematics and Mechanical Drawing II, Shop Mathematics and Mechanical Drawing IV, Shop Science.

Miss Norma Rizy—General Science, Physical Education (5 divisions).

Mrs. Eleanor Smith—Related Mathematics, Algebra I, Plane Geometry, *Solid Geometry and Plane Trigonometry, Citizenship and Occupations.

*Algebra II, 1949-1950

Miss Elizabeth Wade — Homemaking, Clothing, Citizenship and Occupations, General Science, Household Arts (2 periods).

Mr. Charles Walkden—World History, United States History (2 divisions), Problems of Democracy, Geography.

Mr. Dana Webber—Consumer Education.

Related (Activity) Program

Mrs. Esther Bowden—Home Nursing.

Miss Jean Cleary — Literary Club, Dramatics I, Home Room Guidance.

Mr. Leo DeMarco—Auto Club, Driver Education, Sports Club.

Mr. Lawrence Folloni—Photography I and II, First Aid, Home Room Guidance.

Mr. Edward Gillespie—Sports Club (upon assignment), Audio-Visual Aids, Individual Guidance, Home Room Guidance.

Mr. Frederick Harris, Jr.—Orchestra, Band, Boys' Glee Club, Girls' Glee Club.

Miss Yolande Laliberte—Typing, non-commercial students (2 divisions), Supervision of Home Room Guidance, Individual Guidance.

Miss Ann Lanoue — French Club, Dramatics III, Home Room Guidance.

Mr. Olivio Lopes—Art, Scrap Book Club, Dramatics IV, Home Room Guidance.

Mr. Charles O'Connell — Refinishing and Woodworking (non-vocational boys).

Miss Norma Rizy—Personality Club (girls), Junior Red Cross, Home Room Guidance.

Mrs. Eleanor Smith—Decorating and Traypainting, Hobby Club.

Miss Elizabeth Wade—Cooking and Sewing (non-Household Arts girls), Handicrafts, Home Room Guidance.

Mr. Charles Walkden — Discussion Group (World Affairs), Dramatics II, Photography III and IV, Sports Club (upon assignment), Home Room Guidance.

Mr. Dana Webber—Mechanical Drawing.

Every student takes four or more subjects in the regular curricular program and a minimum of three periods of activity classes in the related (activity) program. The only exception is that vocational boys take a minimum of two periods of activity classes due to the fact that on either Tuesday or Thursday certain of them will be in their particular three-hour shop class.

Examination of the related program should reveal that many of those classes are in fact curricular in nature. The consecutive period schedule has permitted non-Household Arts girls to take Cooking for the first time; similarly non-Vocational boys can take Woodworking. Also for the first time almost fifty non-Commercial students are able to learn how to type in a regular course.

An Auto Club and Driver Education will be noted. Through the cooperation of the Registry of Motor Vehicles and an automobile dealer a car has been donated for use and a program developed for the actual educational and driving experience which will culminate in students being given their examinations for licenses here at the school.

A home room guidance program has been developed as a result of faculty study last spring. We consider it as a beginning only and further work is planned in that field during the rest of this year. The following is a partial list of units or topics which are being discussed in home rooms:

1. Orientation
2. Parliamentary Procedure
3. Social Relations
4. Character (Code of Ethics)
   A. Good Sportsmanship
5. Study Habits
6. Educational Planning
7. Vocational Planning
8. Use of Leisure Time

The report cards described in my previous report have been slightly revised and are in use. They are still considered experimental and all comments or suggestions are welcomed. I would like to call attention to the fact that the personal qualities of initiative, co-operation, industry, leadership, reliability, emotional stability, disposition, personal appearance and total citizenship are invariably called for in recommendations to advanced institutions of learning and to business establishments. None of the ratings ever depend on any one teacher's opinion. In any one year five or more teachers are in-

volved in rating each student. Over a period of four years there will be many more teachers participating in that rating.

It would seem appropriate at this time to explain "Personal Appearance" ratings. No boy, for instance, is being judged at any time because he may be wearing a new suit or an old one. Neatness and cleanliness of clothes and person are habits to be fostered and considered. Personal habits, appearance of shoes, wearing of ties on occasion, care of hair ,etc., are those factors considered by the faculty in rating.

If it were possible, I would like to continue discussing many other phases of our school program—athletics, our vocational shops, audio-visual aids program, school savings program, emphasis of public speaking, cheerleaders, band, orchestra, glee clubs (two-thirds of the student enrollment), participation in dramatics (one hundred students), improvement in our cafeteria, school publications, library, etc. These organizations or functions of our school program continue as in previous years and have been expanded in most cases.

It is with a great deal of appreciation and pride that I reflect on the cooperation, attitude and fine spirit of the faculty and student body during this past year.

In conclusion, on behalf of myself, the faculty and the student body I express appreciation of your cooperation and enthusiasm as Superintendent of Schools, likewise that of the School Committee, the custodians and other personnel of the building.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA O. WEBBER

Principal

Enrollment figures indicating the distribution of pupils by towns and cities and curricula statistics on October 1, 1948 are as follows:

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

Class	Dighton	Berkley	Freetown	Rehoboth	Fall River	Taunton	New Bedford	Totals
Freshman	42	13	18	0	1	1	0	75
Sophomore	43	5	6	14	0	0	1	59
Junior	38	13	9	23	0	0	0	83
Senior	24	10	8	23	0	1	0	66
	147	41	41	60	1	2	1	293

CURRICULA STATISTICS

Class	College	Commercial	General	Vocational	Household Arts	Totals
Freshman	23	31	4	14	3	75
Sophomore	20	24	12	8	5	69
Junior	21	30	13	18	1	83
Senior	26	16	14	8	2	66
	90	101	43	48	11	293

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Dighton High School

High School Auditorium, June 17, 1948

Program

Overture—"Progress of Youth" Herfurth
Orchestra

Processional March—
Orchestra

Invocation—
Rev. William Dolan
St. Peter's Church, Dighton

Welcome—
James Dutra
President of Class

Salutatory—The World and the Graduate
Emily Dulak

Valedictory—The Dignity of Work
Ruth Rounsevell

Selection—"Bells of Freedom" Ruth Spencer
Senior Class

Address—
Mrs. Gertrude Cornish Milliken, Ed. D.

Soprano Solo—"Hills" Frank LaForge
Winifred Harris

Presentation of Awards—
Dana O. Webber, Principal

Rensselaer Polytechnic Medal
Washington Franklin History Award
D.A.R. History Medal

D.A.R. Good Citizen Award
D.A.R. Homemaking Award
Student Council Awards
The Scholarship Award of the Boosters Club
Penmanship Awards
American Agriculturist Foundation Achievement Award

*Presentation of Diplomas—

Gene Perry
Chairman of the Dighton School Committee

Selection—"National Hymn" George W. Warren
(God of Our Fathers)
Senior Class

Benediction—

Rev. Edward R. Sherblom
Baptist Church, South Dighton

Recessional March—

Orchestra

Frederick A. Harris, Jr., Supervisor of Music

*The audience is requested to refrain from applause until all diplomas have been presented.

DIGHTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Gene Perry, Chairman

Edward C. French, Secretary

Mrs. Jessie Christenson
Lawrence Mendoza
Charles Swartz
Harold O. Woodward

John J. Rolfe, Superintendent of Schools

CLASS OF 1948

Barbara Ann Andrade
Melvin L. Angus
Edith Ellen Baldwin
Harold Baptiste
Kenneth G. Barrow
Anne M. Bennett
Janet C. Bliss
Gladys M. Bragga
Diana P. Cabral
Joseph Cambra
Emily Ann Carr
Elaine M. Costa
Robert W. Cummings
Joseph W. Dias, Jr.
Emily Louise C. Dulak
Jeanne B. Dupuis
James Richard Dutra
John L. Dutra
Rose M. Evangelho
Josephine Sylvia Furtado
Rita L. Garrity
Helen Caroline Gilbert
Elizabeth Jean Gurney
James Gurney
Winifred Louise Harris
Clara Elizabeth Hayes
Jeanne Hebert
Kathleen Ann Higgins
Thelma Louise Hixon
James P. Horton
Alden L. Johnson
Jacqueline Rae Kinney
Shirley Irene Lemieux
Harold L. McCracken
George H. Morth
Lorraine Nunes
Shirley M. O'Connell
Jeanne Frances Paull
Dorothy M. Phillips
Doris Evelyn Pittsley
Nelson D. Pittsley, Jr.
Robert F. Reed
Robert W. Reid
Marilyn Kay Ritter
John Francis Rose
Robert O. Rose
Ruth Evans Rounsevell
Catherine Greenfield Sellars
Mary-Elizabeth Simmons
Donald F. Smith
Marcia A. Smith
Mary Souza
Frances Carol Souza
Pauline Katherine Torres
Theresa M. Torres
Carolyn F. Turgeon
Russell John Turner
James Lee White
Alice Gertrude Young

Class Officers

James R. Dutra	President
George H. Morth	Vice President
Shirley M. O'Connell	Secretary
John L. Dutra	Treasurer

Class Motto

"Forward Ever—Backward Never"

Class Adviser

Miss Yolande B. Laliberte

GRADUATION EXERCISES
DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
June 9, 1948

Processional

Invocation

Rev. James Allen
Pastor, Dighton Unitarian Church

Selection—"The Home Road" John A. Carpenter

OUR HERITAGE OF FREEDOM

(Adapted from a radio play by Walter Hackett)

Prologue Margaret Borden

Narrators (In Order of Speaking:)

Janet Barry
Rose Marie Menard
Olga Silvia
Barbara Estes
Virginia Perry
Carol Horton
Helen Miguel
Ruth Milliken
Elizabeth Rose
Eleanor Sherman
Anne O'Connell
Irene Carpenter
Lucille Carrier
Theresa Medeiros
Lorraine Rose

The Mayflower Compact

Clinton Davis David Williams Hilda Morris

The New York Weekly Journal

Fred Smith Marilyn Crawford David Williams
Dolores Ferreira

Selection—"The Flower of Liberty" Treharne

Statement of Religious Liberty
Amy Torres

The Declaration of Independence
John Berger Frank Allen

Thomas Paine's Pamphlets
Joan Kay

Victory Brings the Treaty of Paris
William Virdinlia Clinton Davis
John Dupont Robert Ross

A New Word, "Americanized"
Louis Carpenter

The Bills of Rights
Mary Torres Joyce Costa
Dolores Marques Dorothy Pine

The Star Spangled Banner
David Dutra Albert Tavers
Anna Reed John Adams
Donald Carr James Carvalho

The Gettysburg Address
Elizabeth Higgins

Theodore Roosevelt's Letter of Good Faith
Joan Tranter

Selection—"Your Land and My Land" Romberg

General McAuliffe's Message
Gerald Whitmore Alton Lawry Louis Carpenter

Selection—"A Perfect Day" Carrie J. Bond

Presentation of Diplomas—
Mr. Edward C. French
Secretary, Dighton School Committee

Benediction Rev. James Allen

Recessional—
Frederick A. Harris, Jr., Music Supervisor
John J. Rolfe, Superintendent of Schools

GRADUATES

John Luther Adams
Frank Hummor Allen
Janet Slader Barry
John Allen Berger
Margaret Ruth Borden
Irene Carpenter
Louis Carpenter
Donald Lee Carr
Lucille Marie Carrier
James Paul Carvalho
Joyce Louise Costa
Marilyn Blanche Crawford
Clinton V. Davis, Jr.
John Manuel Dupont
David Gerald Dutra
Barbara Kearney Estes
Dolores Ferreira
June Louise Ferreira
Elizabeth Higgins
Carol Ann Horton
Joan Gladys Kay
Alton Charles Lawry
Dolores Marques
Theresa May Medeiros
Rose Marie Ann Menard
Helen Ann Miguel
Ruth Milliken
Hilda Carmen Morris
Mary Hope Morris
Alice Teresa Mulhern
Anne O'Connell
Virginia Perry
Dorothy Jean Pina
George Joseph Pontes
Anna Elizabeth Reed
Elizabeth Agnes Rose
Lorraine Kathleen Rose
Robert James Ross
Eleanor Amie Sherman
Ezilda Alice Silva
Lolita Trindad Silva
Olga Joyce Silvia
Albert Alfred Tavers
Fred Smith
Joan Estelle Tranter
Amy Louise Torres
Mary Torres
William Francis Virdinlia
Gerald Whitmore
David Elwood Williams

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1948

DIGHTON SCHOOLS

Teacher	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total Bldg.
North Primary School													
M. Bernice Weiler	34												34
Marie E. Jones		27											27
Rose E. Borges, Prin.			26										26
Lena W. Cowell				21									21
													—
													108
North Elementary School													
Helen M. Simmons					27								27
George R. Pauley, Jr.						31							31
Helen C. Turner							24						24
Hope W. Hamilton, Prin.								26					26
													—
													108
South Elementary School													
Dorothy Bagley	32												32
Margaret Harrington		23											23
Olive W. Crawford			28										28

Ann M. Phillips	21									21	
Margaret M. Cahill		25								25	
Bertrand H. Steeves			27							27	
Joseph Comerford				23						23	
Helen H. Lane, Prin.					19					19	
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											198
Total Elementary Schools											414
Dighton High School						73	74	84	62		293
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Total Enrollment in Dighton Schools											707
Number attending Private Elementary Schools											6
Number attending Private Secondary Schools											20

AGE—GRADE ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1948

Grade	Age														Totals
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
1	14	44	8												66
2		11	34	5											50
3			11	37	6										54
4				6	24	8	4								42
5					6	39	7								52
6						12	36	9	1						58
7							7	21	15	4					47
8							3	10	22	8	2				45
9									12	52	7	2			*73
10									1	10	50	8	4	1	*74
11											16	61	7		*84
12											1	12	40	9	*62
	14	55	53	48	36	59	57	40	51	74	76	83	51	10	707

*Includes Tuition Students

ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOLS

(October 1, 1948)

Dighton High School	293	
South Elementary School	198	
North Elementary School	108	
North Primary School	108	
Total		707

Tuition Pupils—Dighton High School:

Regular		
Berkley	32	
Freetown	31	
Rehoboth	51	
Taunton High	2	
New Bedford	1	
Fall River	1	
Vocational		
Berkley	11	
Freetown	9	
Rehoboth	10	
Taunton (Elementary)	5	
		153
Net Total Enrollment—Dighton Pupils		554

DIGHTON SCHOOL FACULTY—DECEMBER 31, 1948

DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd
Principal			
Dana O. Webber, M. Ed.	Lincoln Avenue, North Dighton	Boston University	1945
Vice Principal			
Edward H. Gillespie, M. Ed.	Somerset Avenue, Segreganset	Tufts College, Boston Univ.	1947
Faculty			
Jean P. Cleary, A.B.	71 Arlington Street, Taunton	Regis College	1946
Charles F. Day	Elm Street, Dighton	Fitchburg Teachers' College	1943
Leo P. DeMarco, B.S.	28 First Street, Taunton	Fordham	1946
Lawrence F. Folloni, B.S. in Ed.	36 Main Street, Bridgewater	Boston University	1947
Yolande B. Laliberte, M. Ed.	557 Middle Street, Fall River	Boston University	1941
Ann Lanoue, B.A.	221 Oliver Street, Fall River, Mass.	Providence College	1946
Olivio A. Lopes, B.S. in Ed.	1679 Somerset Ave., Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1947
Norma J. Rizy, B.S. in Phys. Ed.	Ogden's Corner, Rockville, Conn.	Boston University-Sargent	1948
Charles C. O'Connell	1679 Somerset Ave., Taunton	Taunton High School	1944
Elizabeth Wade, B.S. in Ed.	82 County Road, Ipswich, Mass.	Framingham State Teachers' College	1948
Charles E. Walkden, B.S.	Chase Avenue, Swansea	Mass. State College	1948
Eleanor S. Smith, B.S. in Ed.	289 Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton	Suffolk University	1924

NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd
Principal			
Hope W. Hamilton, B.S. in Ed.	Pleasant St., Dighton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1928
Faculty			
George R. Pauley, Jr., B.S. in Ed.	51 Carroll Ave., Brockton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1948
Helen M. Simmons	526 Pleasant St., Somerset	Thibodeau Business College	1946
Helen C. Turner	150 Summerfield St., Fall River	Framingham Teachers' College	1947

NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal			
Rose E. Borges	Pleasant St., Dighton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1927
Faculty			
Lena W. Cowell	139 Jackson St., Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1947
Marie E. Jones, B.S. in Ed.	404 Cohannet St., Taunton	Lowell Teachers' College	1945
M. Bernice Weiler	905 Somerset Ave., Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1948

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal			
Helen H. Lane, B.S. in Ed.	Center St., Segreganset	Fitchburg Teachers' College	1910

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd
Faculty			
Dorothy Bagley	54 Coral St., Fall River	Perry Kindergarten Normal	1948
Margaret M. Cahill	1034 Plymouth ve., Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1948
Joseph F. Comerford, B.S.	10 Reed St., Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1946
Olive W. Crawford	411 Prospect St., Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1947
Margaret F. Harrington	233 Whipple St., Fall River	Framingham Normal School	1946
Ann M. Phillips	59 Freedom St., Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1948
Bertrand H. Steeves	233 Merriam Ave., Leominster	Fitchburg Teachers' College	1949
	Music Supervisor (Elementary and High)		
Frederick A. Harris, Jr., B. Mus.	66 Mt. Hope St., No. Dighton	Boston University	1946

JANITORS

Name	Home Address	School	App'd
Howell S. Carr	Elm St., Dighton	Dighton High School	1942
Louis H. Carr	Elm St., Dighton	Dighton High School	1947
John Gray	40 Tremont St., No. Dighton	South Elementary School	1947
John Ingham	110 School St., No. Dighton	North Schools	1946

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Teacher	Position	Date of Resignation	Reason
Margaret K. Tummon	Grade 1, North Primary	April, 1948	At Hame
Lucy Scaramuzzi	Grade 1, South School	June, 1948	At Home
Vernon West	Grade 6, North Elementary	June, 1948	Teaching in Amherst
Mary V. O'Neil	Grade 5, South School	June, 1948	Teaching in Fall River
Muriel L. Rowell	Grade 6, South School	June, 1948	At Home
Barbara M. Sample	Household Arts, High School	June, 1948	At Home
Warren Loring	Social Studies, High School	June, 1948	Teaching at B. U.
Rose M. Moriarty	Grade 4, South School	Oct., 1948	Teaching in Taunton
Marion P. Moore	Physical Education, High School	Nov., 1948	Marriage